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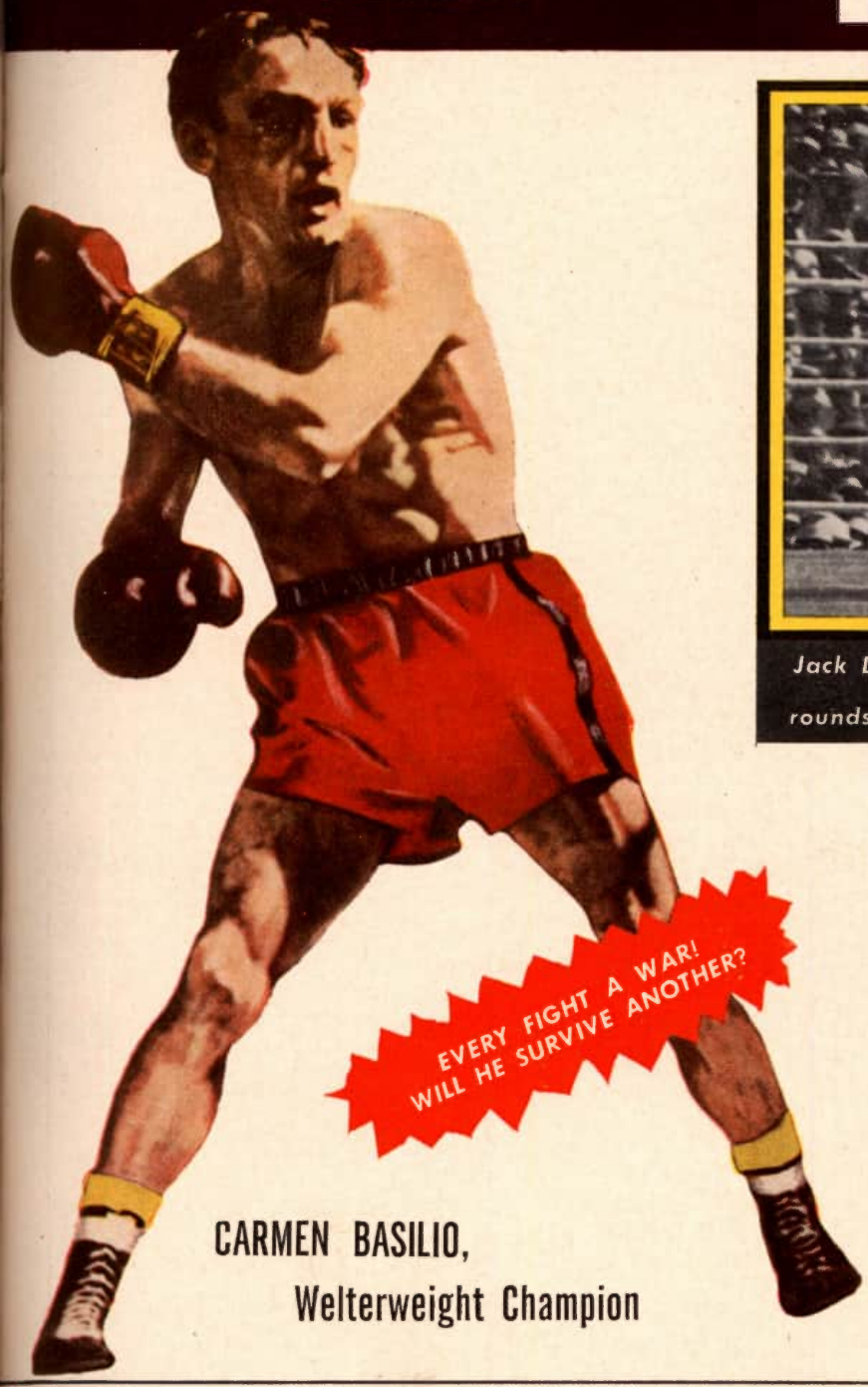

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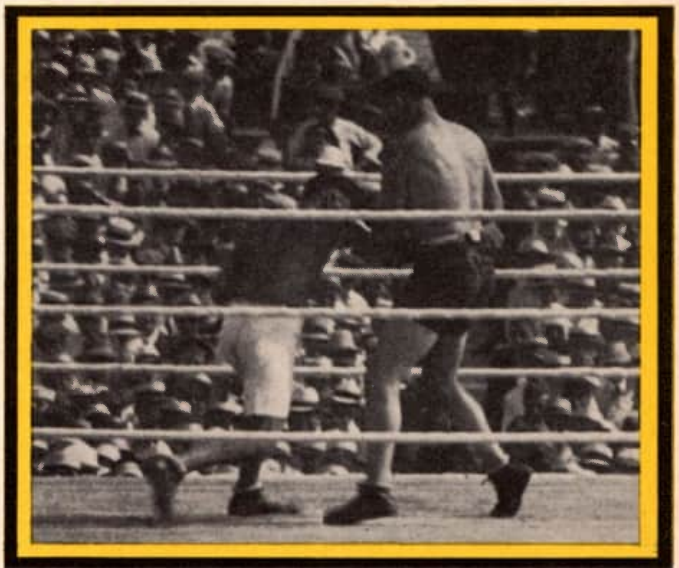

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REFEREES MUST SHARE BLAME IN BIG FIGHT UPROARS

by JAMES BUTLER

Harringay Arena and Jack Solomons seem fated to big fight uproars these days. In the golden years after the war Solomons developed the Midas touch. Everything he touched was a certain winner, but his luck has changed dramatically and drastically over the past three years. During that time he claims to have lost £ 50,000 and has been able to stage few fistic feasts that have sent the patrons home happy.

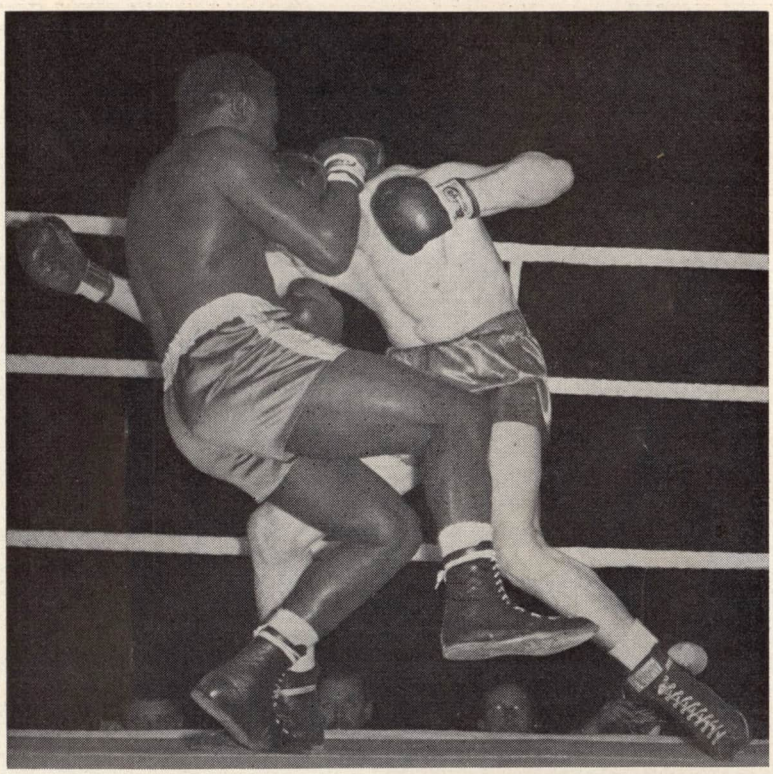
When a fight flops the promoter is usually the man to carry the can, and while Solomons must take his share of blame for some of the big fight fiascoes, he is not always at fault: Take the Peter Waterman—Kid Gavilan first meeting at Harringay. This was a superb battle with the crowd on its feet applauding the courage and determination of the young British welterweight, and at the same time admiring the skill of the experienced old warrior, Gavilan.

To most onlookers Gavilan had won beyond all doubt, but everybody was ready to give Waterman a tremendous hand. But what happened? The referee strolled over and raised Waterman's hand in victory. Nobody in Harringay looked more surprised than young Peter. The crowd forgot their applause, and a storm of angry booing broke out. The fight fan likes to see a British victory, but only if in his heart he feels it was justified.

So this grand scrap ended in boos and stamping of feet. It went down as another Solomons fiasco. Why blame the promoter for a bad decision? Then there was the meeting between Ewart Potgieter, the 7 ft South African giant, and James J. Parker, of Canada. Parker, although only half fit, thumped the giant round the ring, and most onlookers thought it was just a question of his receiving the decision. The referee gave a draw, and more booing and stamping of feet followed.

And so to the more recent fiasco between Ezzard Charles, the former world heavyweight champion, and young Dick Richardson, from Newport. This was built into an exciting match . . . the first stepping stone towards a world title bout for the Welshman.

Promoter Solomons, who had not been able to sell out Harringay for more than two years, sat back and rubbed his hands when he found he was able to dig out the 'House Full' signs a week before the fight. He thought his long run of bad luck had at last changed. It seemed that way until the night of the fight. Then more trouble.



ROCK 'N MAUL

Ezzard Charles, former world heavyweight champion, and Dick Richardson (Newport) caught in a typical move during their 5 mins 29 secs maul. Uproar followed the referee's decision to disqualify Charles.

Now anybody who knows a left hook from a right uppercut realised that Charles had slipped back in a big way since the days he had beaten Joe Louis to become undisputed world heavyweight champion. If this was not the case there must have been an outcry against matching the raw Welshman with a fighter in quite a different class to himself.

Obviously, this had appeared to be an attractive match because on one side of the ring was a young fighter with little experience but plenty of strength, punching power and ambition. In the other corner was a man who had taken part in some 130 professional bouts, had beaten Joe Louis, Archie Moore three times and Joey Maxim five times. In addition, he had taken Rocky Marciano 15 rounds in a world title bout.

On paper it looked fascinating, but it didn't work out this way. From the first bell we saw Richardson rushing a little wildly at Charles, and the experienced old Negro clutched at the Welsh boy's arms. It was a bad start to what we had anticipated would be an exciting bout. Referee Frank Wilson immediately cautioned Charles for holding. He gave other warnings . . . including one in which he took the American by the arm over to his corner where he explained to Manager Tom Tannas what is was all about. Why Wilson did this beats me.

Charles as an American speaks and understands English. In fact, Wilson spent

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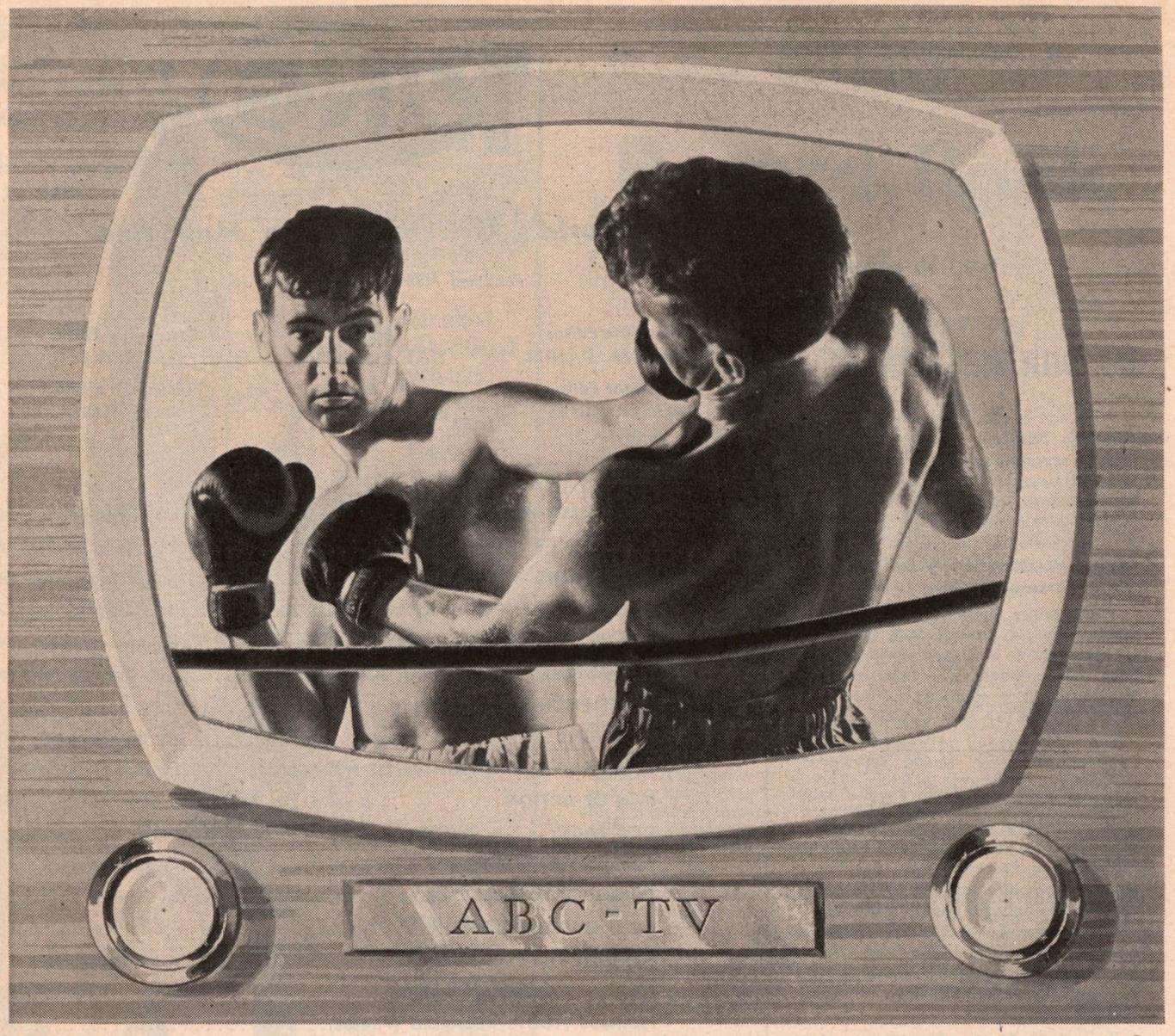

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Who hasn't wondered what Rocky Marciano has been doing since he retired as undefeated world heavyweight champion? What are his plans for the future and how has he spent the time on his hands? Read all about it in an exclusive interview—"Private Citizen—Marciano" by Al Buck in the January issue of The Ring.

What really happened the night Benny Leonard fouled Jack Britton and threw away a second world title? Was it intentional? The true, inside story on the blow that cost a crown is vividly related by Dan Daniel.

Nat Fleischer, off to Australia to cover the Olympic Games for this publication, will be cabling his on-the-spot reports. Many professional world champions have come from the ranks of Olympic competition, most recent being Pascual Perez, the flyweight champion, and Floyd Patterson, soon to fight for the world heavyweight crown. Editor Fleischer will be bringing you his analytical reports, tabbing those competitors whose ability spotlights them for future ring careers.

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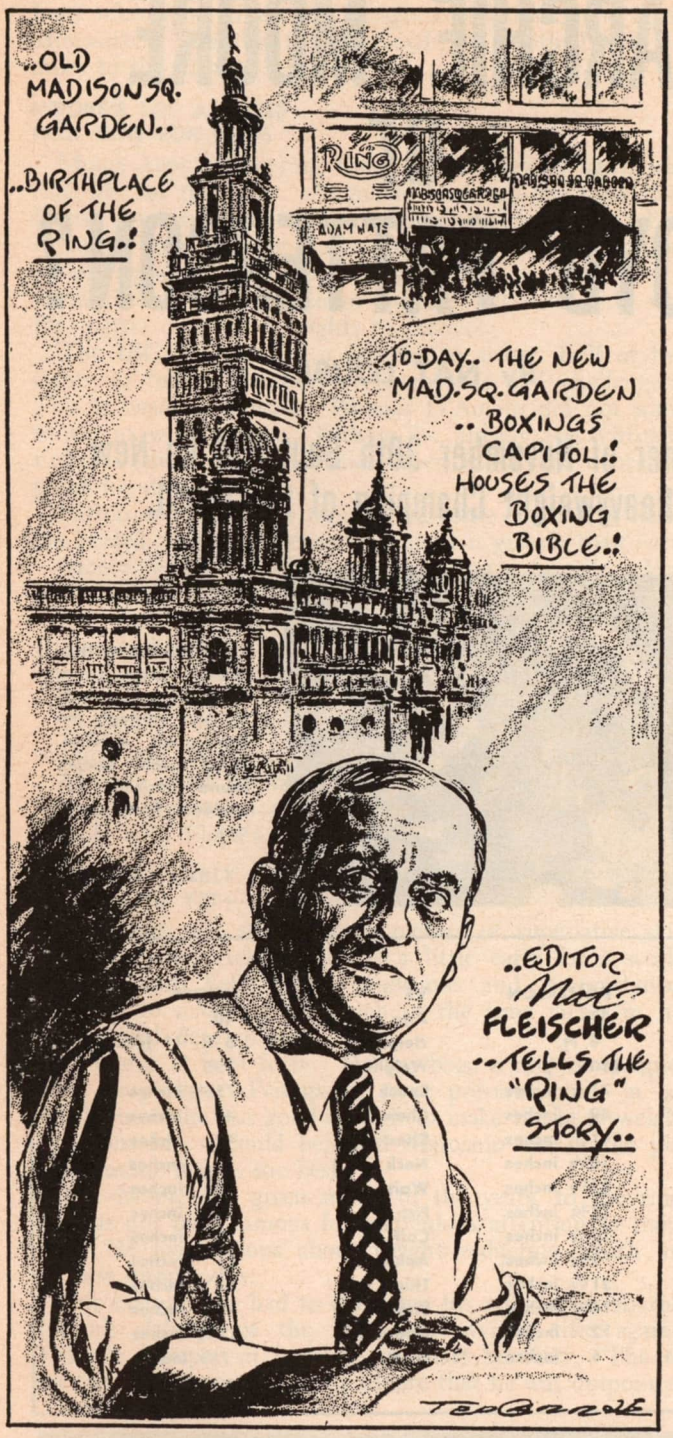

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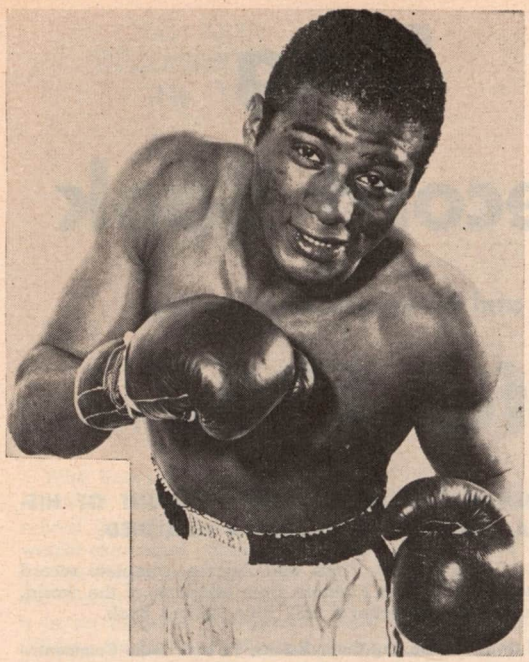

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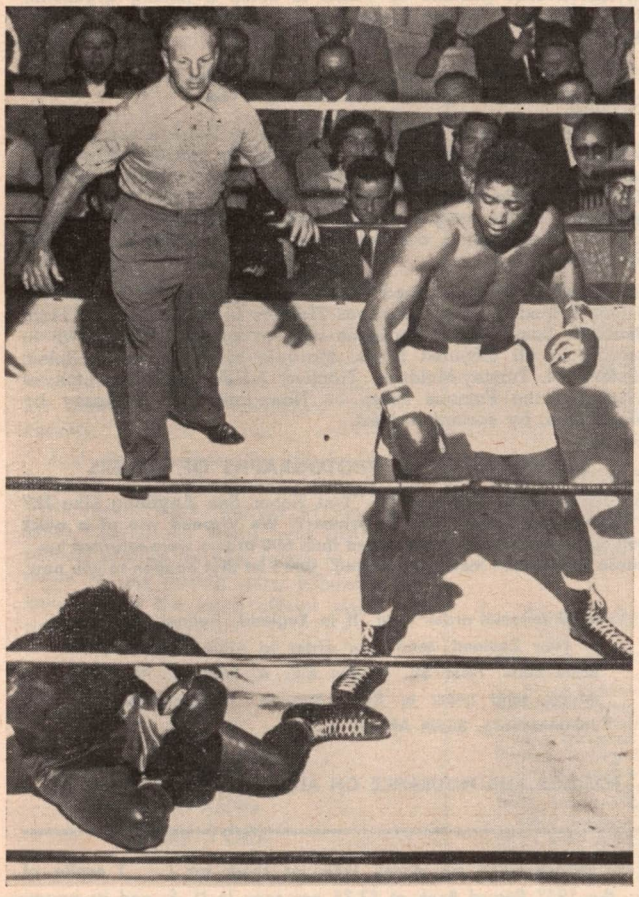
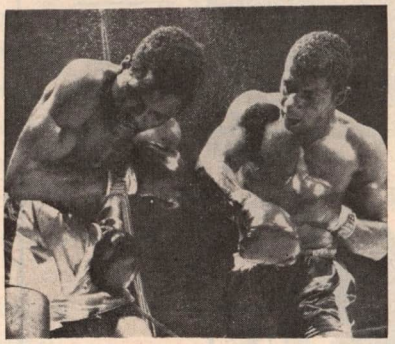


Patterson as the Number One light heavyweight contender stands over Calvin Brad as the latter is counted out in 2:58 of the first round at Los Angeles. He hopes to dump Moore the same way.



Patterson causes Hurricane Jackson to wince as a right finds its way through the Hurricane's defense. Floyd won twelve round decision but couldn't floor Jackson.

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21	Age	40
6 Ft.	Height	5 ft. 11 inches
180	Weight	190
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40 inches	Chest (N)	40 inches
41 inches	Chest (E)	42 inches
16½ inches	Neck	17 inches
32½ inches	Waist	34 inches
12¾ inches	Fist	12 inches
15½ inches	Calf	15 inches
9½ inches	Ankle	11 inches
21½ inches	Thigh	21 inches
14¼ inches	Biceps	16 inches
12 inches	Forearm	12½ inches
6 inches	Wrist	7½ inches

AT long last, there is to be a fight between Archie Moore and Floyd Patterson for the heavyweight championship of the world left vacant by the retirement of Rocky Marciano.

After many delays caused first by Patterson's hand fracture, suffered in the contest with Hurricane Jackson, and later by fencing between Cus D'Amato, Patterson's manager, and Jim Norris of the International Boxing Club, the match has been made for Friday, November 30, in the Chicago Stadium, an indoor arena.

The fight merits a Yankee Stadium setting. But it has been kicked around so long that it has to be put on indoors soon, or postponed until next June. Norris doesn't want that delay, and Moore wants it less. Time is Archie's arch enemy.

The match has been made with a corrolary. The loser will get another shot at the title in New York in June.

D'Amato fought against the Chicago locale for two reasons. First, he wasn't so sure he wanted to risk a decision outside of New York. Why he should have doubted the bona fides of Illinois boxing is hard to say, unless he disliked the Saxton verdict over Basilio.

Cus's other reason is more understandable. He felt that a fight in Chicago would not gross enough. But Norris showed him a diagram of the Chicago Stadium

which meant $471,000, exclusive, of course, of $200,000 from television, with the Chicago area blacked out from Milwaukee, 90 miles to the North, to South Bend, 90 miles to the East.

MOORE'S LOS ANGELES TALK WAS FOR BIRDS

Moore kept yammering about a Los Angeles fight, but that was for the birds. Archibald knew all the time that Norris absolutely had no idea of going to the Coast. But Archibald kept feeding the sports pages, and hoping that something would pop soon, anywhere.

Another conceivable factor on the Patterson side was the matter of exclusive rights to services.

The IBC has made it a practice to assure itself of the rights to future matches for champions and challengers. This is business routine. Perhaps D'Amato did not want to tie in with Norris. Perhaps he already was virtually tied in. But, one way or the other, it may have been a point for discussion.

Patterson has been in training for some time. His hand has healed. His confidence in himself is greater than ever.

Moore doubtless will go into the ring a favorite. Perhaps as big as 2 to 1.

But the aged Moore will find the 21 years old former Olympic champion fast on his feet, quick with a punch, master of combinations, and more punishing than generally is believed.

Patterson's big ally will be youth, and behind that stamina and condition.

Moore's chief enemies will be age, waning forces in a fight going past ten rounds, and physical shape not comparable with Floyd's.

SOMEWHAT EARLY FOR FLOYD, AND YET—

This does not add up to a picture of superlative skill for Patterson. Actually, he is a little early for a world championship fight. But conditions and circumstances combine to make up for much of the time factor in his professional development.

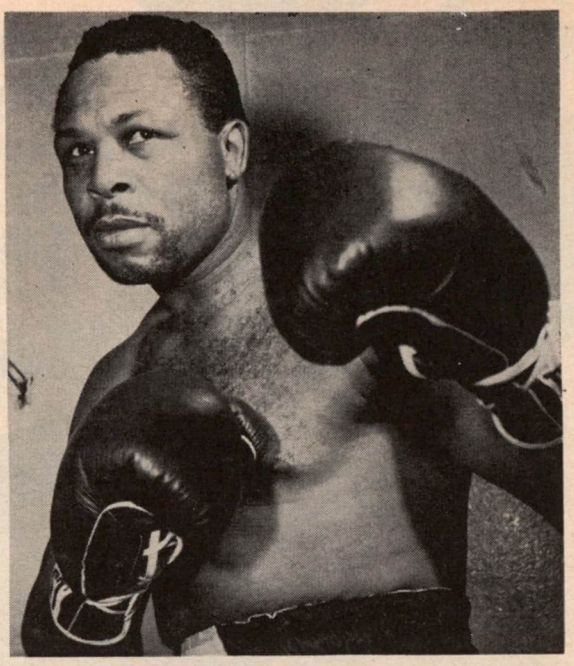
Moore is at least forty. He has been a ring campaigner for a long time. Perhaps at some previous point in his development he was good enough to make the heavyweight championship. Could be, with Marciano out of the picture, Archie now is the best.

But Moore has given much to the years, to the ring. He has not been famous for meticulous attention to training. He has notions about weight reduction which are at least unorthodox.

For example, he had to cut down his avoirdupois sharply for his defense of the light heavyweight title against Yolande Pompey in London early last Summer. The reduction took so much out of Moore that he was outpointed for eight rounds, and then he went to work. Could have been too late.

Patterson has a fine chance to beat Moore. The fight will revive interest in the heavyweights, and with that revival, will mean a tremendous benefice to all boxing.

Moore (left) seen ending the fight with James J. Parker in the ninth round of their Toronto bout. Seconds later the referee stopped the fight to save Parker further punishment.



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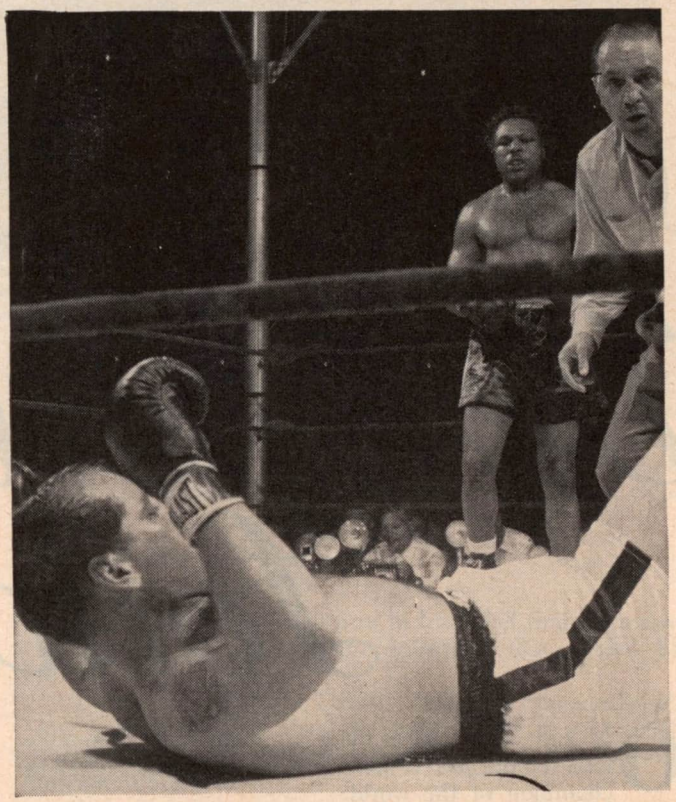

Moore flexes his muscles as Bobo Olson hits the deck for the count in third round of his bid for Moore's light heavyweight title. Olson wasn't durable enough. Will Patterson be?

MOORE KNOWS LOT MORE THAN PATTERSON

On fighting ability Moore appears too durable for Patterson. The light heavyweight king has a sufficient punch as attested to by his six knockouts this year. It is true

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The Day Dempsey Destroyed Willard His Fists Were Like Iron. Or Was it Plaster of Paris? The Amazing Insinuation After All These Years Still Persists.

By
DANIEL M. DANIEL

Were Dempsey's Fists Loaded?

ON July 4, 1919, at Toledo, Ohio, Jack Dempsey knocked out Jess Willard and became the heavyweight champion of the world.

Willard failed to come out for the fourth round with the result that the experts engaged in a long debate as to how the result should go into the records. Finally they agreed that it was "KO 3."

I saw that fight. I never will forget the terrible beating, the incredible punishment suffered by the 245 pound Willard against the 187 pound Dempsey.

I never will forget the terrific heat. It was about 110 degrees at the ringside that July afternoon.

I watched the humbling and the crumbling of the giant from Kansas, and came away with the impression that Dempsey could not have cut, brusied, wounded, welted, wilted, corroded and slashed Jess to ribbons without the aid of some agent not customarily enclosed in a pair of boxing gloves.

Nearly all of the other occupants of the press rows left that pine board arena on the shores of muddy Maumee Bay with a similar feeling.

In short, the Dempsey-Willard fight belongs in this series of Ring Mysteries, boxing who-dunnits, and subjects for the talents of fistic detectives.

ONE OF THESE DAYS KEARNS WILL SPILL IT

It is a mystery that can be cleared up by only two men, Dempsey and Jack Kearns, who at the time was his manager.

The Manassa Mauler himself is not likely to pursue the subject. But one of these days Kearns will spill it. He has thrown hints. But the real story never has been revealed.

It has been accepted as fact that Dempsey's hands were covered with plaster of Paris, which as it hardened gave Jack two chunks of concrete with which to belabor and

TAD TELLS HOW DEMPSEY'S TERRIFIC PUNCHES STOPPED WILLARD

BATTLE SO ONE-SIDED IT SOON BECAME BRUTAL

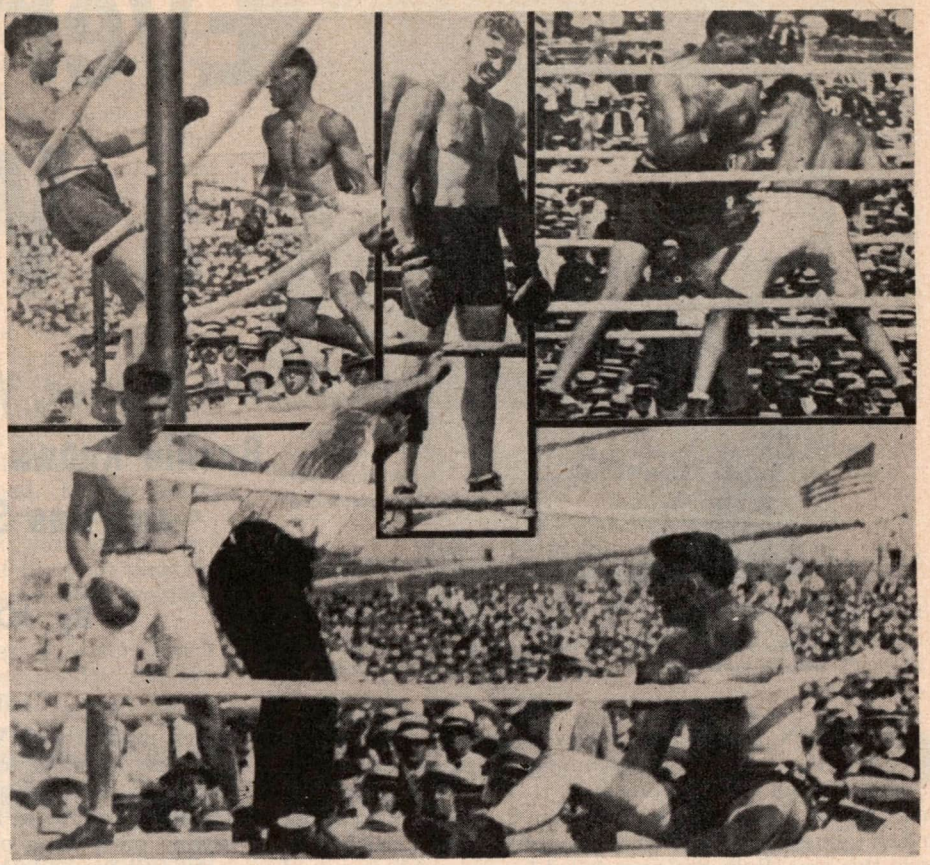
rip the defending champion.

If you are sufficiently interested, try it yourself. Cover your fists with the customary bandages of gauze. Wet them. Then sprinkle plaster of Paris over the tape. Let this compound harden, put on a pair of boxing gloves, and let your worst enemy have it.

Unless he is a trained athlete, in good shape, a couple of punches would be just about enough. Nine minutes of concrete punishment might kill him.

If Dempsey's gloves hid a couple of rocks, how did Kearns and he get away with it? How was it that the trick was not made impossible by the customary surveillance of hand bandages?

Why, with Dempsey entering the ring with his gloves already on his fists, the Willard corner did not force the champion-to-be to take off the gloves and reveal the bandages is a question which is posed now.



Dempsey was loaded for bear the day he annihilated Jess Willard in Toledo. Graphic Shots show the tremendous pounding Jack administered to the Pottawatomie Giant as he slaughtered him in nine minutes of fighting.

DEFOREST DID IT, AND HOLLERED HIS DENIALS

I have said that only two men are in the know about plaster of Paris. There was a third, Jimmy Deforest, Jack's trainer. But he is dead.

Deforest had trained the crafty, tricky and wily Kid McCoy in the old days. If there was a trick of the trade that was not practiced in that camp, it had not been discovered.

Deforest met the charges of doctoring the bandages with a tremendous indignation.

"I regard the stories that I put plaster of Paris on Dempsey's bandages as plain libel, and unless they stop I will have to take some action to defend my reputation," Jimmy hollered.

Let it be said that Deforest never sued anybody and that as the years rolled along, his indignation slackened off into silence.

"Those rumors affect my reputation for honesty and fair dealing. I did not apply any foreign substance to the bandages. I did use a hard, adhesive tape, a variety I always put on McCoy's knuckles," Deforest maintained.

"This kind of adhesive tape is not barred by the rules. Maybe it should be. But until it is barred, any boxer who does not avail himself of its protection is a sucker.

"I don't wonder that the experts have been searching for a hidden reason for the terrific shellacking Willard got from Jack. Jess was overconfident, no match for a fighter who that afternoon was the superman of ring history."

Discussing the plaster story only recently, before the Moore-Parker fight in Toronto, Kearns said that he had poured alcohol over Jack's hard adhesive bandages and this had created a terrific weapon for the Mauler.

The kind of hard adhesive tape Deforest said he had used now is illegal. And fighters do not enter the ring with bandages and gloves already in place, minus supervision and surveillance from a representative of the opposition.

WILLARD WAS CONVINCED HANDS WERE DOCTORED

Willard always has been firm in his belief that Dempsey's hands were assisted by some substance that landed like concrete.

"I am convinced that Dempsey's hands were doctored," Jess said some time after the fight. That is to say, the bandages around the knuckles were hardened by some foreign substance.

"It is foolish to make any charges now. But it was my own fault. I should have insisted on examining Jack's bandages before he put on the gloves.

"I will say this. No fighter ever before took the terrific punishment, and in only three rounds, that I got from Jack. Not even in the bare knuckle days.

"I have been told by men who should know that the tape possitively was doctored.

"Examine the round by round stories of Jack's later fights. Was he ever again able to hit anybody with the terrific effect his punches produced at Toledo?"

True enough. Dempsey never again went into a fight without having been watched carefully before he donned the gloves, and he never again battered and bruised a rival so thoroughly as he had slashed Willard.

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The opponent may be different but the picture is always the same: Carmen Basilio displaying bruised and cut features after a fight.

Every Fight a WAR

Win or Lose, Welter Champ Carmen Basilio Knows He's Been in a Fight and Has Scars to Prove It

By JOHNNY SALAK

CARMEN BASILIO, craggy-featured world welterweight champion, is a winning fighter. Over his last twenty-six bouts, dating back to 1952, Basilio has lost only two decisions. To Kid Gavilan for the title in 1953, and to Johnny Saxton, when he dropped the title, in Chicago early this year. Both decisions failed to gain public approval and, if anything, swelled the growing horde of Basilio rooters.

The man and his victories are popular. He wins and usually he wins without question. But his victories are gained at a very dear price. They are not achieved in an over-powering manner which makes the contests one-sided debacles, distasteful to the public. Basilio is a good fighter, but he is no superman. Devastating though he is, Carmen absorbs a tremendous amount of punishment en route to his phyric victories.

With Basilio, greatly admired by all, the battles are won, but we wonder whether, eventually, the war will be lost.

Punishment can be sopped up in glorious, blood-letting brawls but for just how long? We know that Basilio is a superbly conditioned athlete, God-fearing and God-gifted with unusual ability. But we must remember also—and surely Carmen has thought about it—that he is just a man and the body can stand just so much punishment without seriously being damaged.

With few exceptions, Carmen's fights are all bitter battles. He doesn't make them easy. He can't make them easy, employing a style that is essential to a do-or-die effort every time he tangles with some one, whether the opponent is good, bad or indifferent.

Basilio, above all, realizes this. It is he who takes the poundings, it is he who has his features slashed to ribbons, it is he who, after each winning performance, must give his body time to heal. Many times, at the end of a bout, Basilio, covered in blood, looks like the loser. Just as many times his aching body must make him feel like the loser.

Basilio speaks simply and honestly about all this. "I've never kidded myself," says the champion. "My success as a fighter is about 75 per cent due to conditioning. Along the way, I've outlasted a lot of better equipped fighters because I expected—and was ready for—a tough fight."

The Record Book, showing the long procession of victories, marked with W's and KO's, neat, clean and precise, does not begin to tell the story of the battles Basilio has been in. He has spilled blood in almost every one, his features have been ripped, his body pounded to a pulp setting off a flood of internal hemorrhages.

We all know about his two crucifying battles with Tony DeMarco in 1955, in which he scored twelve rounds knockouts. How Basilio was repeatedly rocked to the brink of defeat only to outlast and outblast a doggedly determined foe. There was enough punishment meted out in those two fights to ruin a dozen good boys.

This type of fight is for Basilio the rule rather than the exception. There is no reason to believe that, as long as he fights, his battles, whether they are won or lost, will not exact the same toll, or progressively more, from him. This particularly so in light of Basilio's announced desire to go after the middleweight title. It's only one step up but in that division the boys play a little rougher. They pack a heftier wallop and they stand up better under punishment, while sacrificing little in the way of speed.

Even early in his career Basilio was a winning fighter who was ready to give up the game in disgust and despair because there was little recognition, less money and a lot of tough fights.

There was, for instance, in June 1950 down in New Orleans, the time he took on tough little Guillermo Giminez. Basilio halted him in the eighth round but not at an easy cost to himself. It was a bloody, brutal bout. The two, showing little science, just battered each other from the start, and in every round swapped terrific shots to each other's bloody head. A butt slashed open Basilio's right eye in the second round and the blood flowed freely. Both took much damaging punishment as they slugged and slugged, rocked each other and came back and slugged some more.

In their return, it was another bloody, brutal affair. The fans ate it up as they slammed each other all over the place. In the fourth round, Giminez was landing with some mighty lefts to the body. However, he faded after that and Basilio went on to halt him in the ninth.

Taking a closer look at some of Basilio's fights along the way, we find that he invariably took a great amount

of punishment, was staggered and pounded and bled freely from cuts. Bouts in which one or all of these things didn't happen to Basilio are few and far between and could be counted on the fingers of one hand.

There was, for instance, his fight with Chuck Davey in May 1952. They fought ten hectic, blood-spattering rounds, with Basilio declared the winner. A recheck of the officials' cards changed the decision to a draw.

There were his three bouts with Billy Graham. In the first, in August 1952, one Basilio lost, Graham threw everything he had at the wiry Italian and had him gashed and bleeding. Basilio bled from both eyebrows, the forehead, the mouth and nose.

They met again in June 1953, in a twelve rounder for the New York State welterweight title. Basilio won with apparent ease. But he did not escape without damage. In the third round his nose began to bleed and it continued to trickle blood during the rest of the bout.

In their third bout, also a twelve rounder, in July 1953, a draw was declared. But at the end Basilio looked a sorry sight. Graham had closed strong and Basilio's left eye was shut tight and he was covered in blood. He was bleeding freely from a gash beneath his left eye and the nose. In the last three rounds Basilio fought with his left eye practically closed. In the last minute of the bout Graham drove home a pair of right hand punches that wobbled Basilio, who grabbed and held.

Or take his fight with Baby Williams at Miami Beach in September 1952. Williams never got too far, fistically speaking, and in this particular bout Basilio went on to win a unanimous decision. But it wasn't as easy as it seems. It was a wild and bloody battle with Williams sending a number of solid rights to the chin. At the end Basilio had a gash over his lips, a bloody nose and a gash on his head.

Fighting washed-up Ike Williams, former lightweight champion, in Syracuse in January 1953, Basilio bested him easily to win a ten rounds decision. But still he didn't go unscathed. A butt opened a large cut over Basilio's left eye early in the fourth round.

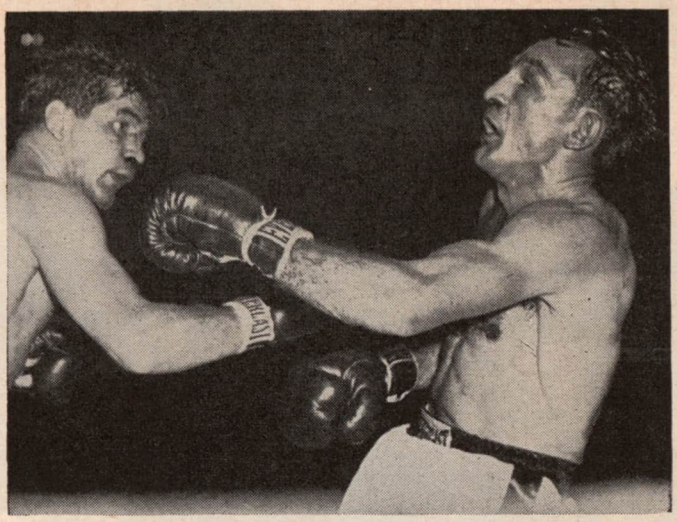
Then there was Basilio's fight with Carmine Fiore in April 1953, in which Carmen scored a ninth round kayo. No quarter was asked and none given during the 25 minutes and 9 seconds of fighting. They stayed in close, tossing leather from bell to bell with little clinching. Basilio started bleeding from the nose in the third and the flow continued the rest of the way.

They fought again, a year later, at Madison Square Garden, New York, and this one started as if it was a walk for Basilio. But they don't come easy for Basilio. Despite Fiore's being down twice in the first round and almost out and that it wound up as a lop-sided decision, the bout stayed interesting to the spectators due to the possibility—and it was always there—of Fiore getting a kayo victory. He scored many times with his powerful left hook. Even at the end, when he was smeared with blood from a cut on his nose, Fiore was still swinging for a haymaker.

Against Johnny Cunningham, whose chief claim to fame was a decision over Jimmy Carter, in November 1953, when he made short work of his opponent, Basilio nevertheless came out of the fracas with a cut left eye.

Facing the sturdy French middleweight, Pierre Langlois, in Syracuse in December 1953, Basilio fought a ten round draw. But it wasn't as tame as a draw would indicate. The bout proved to be a bitter struggle which saw Langlois knock Basilio into the ropes with a left hook and batter him about the ring. A hard left hook put a gash in Basilio's brow in the tenth round. Carmen was cut on both brows and bled from the nose during the fight.

In their return, in April 1953, Basilio found the task easier and won the unanimous decision. But there was



Carmen Basilio (right) on the brink of defeat in his two fights with Tony DeMarco, outblasted and outlasted his determined foe. Both fights were title bouts and Basilio scored twelve round knockouts each time.

visual evidence that he had been in a fight. His right brow was gashed in the third round.

Basilio fought Italo Scortichini three times. Their first was in January 1954. It was a draw in Miami. Scortichini repeatedly rocked Basilio with hard lefts and rights. In the seventh, Italo staggered Carmen several times with jarring left hooks. There were no knockdowns but both fighters suffered cut eyes. They fought again in May and Basilio gained a hard-earned unanimous decision by piling up an early lead. Both fighters suffered cut eyes, Basilio's right eye being opened in the very first round. The bout ended with both blasting away with furious rights and lefts, looking for a knockout.

Against Scortichini in Madison Square Garden in August 1955, Basilio won without question—but, yes, that's right, he suffered a cut right eye in the last round.

Then there was his fight with Al Andrews in Syracuse in June 1954. The reports said that it was one of Basilio's easiest victories, that he had overwhelmed Andrews. And

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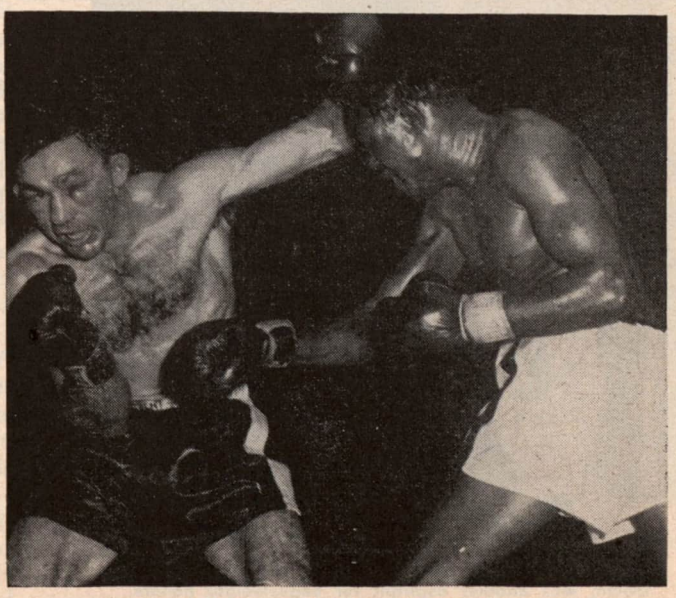
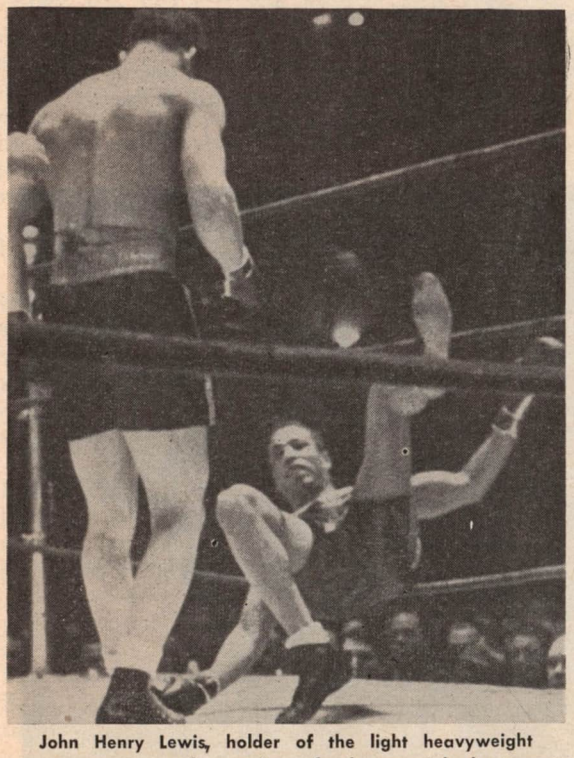


Carmen Basilio (left) dropped Kid Gavilan in the second round of their title bout but lost the decision. Gavilan fought a cautious battle but in the seventh round caught fire when his bolo, hooks, fast counters and flurries got home and Basilio wound up a swollen mess. Carmen fought the last half of the bout with his left eye tightly closed.

Georges Carpentier signing contract for bout with Jack Dempsey, left of the Frenchman, for the heavyweight championship. On July 2, 1921 Carpentier had his big moment in the second round when he staggered Dempsey but two rounds later Carpentier was just another light heavyweight failing in quest for the higher honors.

By AL BUCK

Moore's Title is Eyed by Many....



John Henry Lewis, holder of the light heavyweight crown, was another aspirant for heavyweight honors. Joe Louis, then heavyweight champ, was merciful and took Lewis out with a clean shot in the first round. Tradition held . . . no light heavyweight champ of the world was to become ruler of the heavier division and now Archie Moore will test that tradition.

WHEN you buy a new suit case you don't throw the old one away."

The speaker was Archie Moore. He is a traveling man whose activities have taken him to Australia, South America, the 48 states, Mexico, London and Canada. Suit cases are necessary equipment to this wandering ancient, but what he was talking about was the relation of the light-heavyweight title to the heavyweight crown.

Moore is the world light-heavyweight champion, and pending an engagement with Floyd Patterson, regards himself as world heavyweight champion. Boxing authorities everywhere, including the World Championship Committee, the New York State Athletic Commission, and the National Boxing Association recognize Moore and Patterson as the top contenders for the crown relinquished by Rocky Marciano, retired heavyweight king.

Moore and Patterson will fight on November 30 and only if Archie wins will he have to discard his old suit case. Under the rules a champion of a division forfeits the title if he acquires another in a heavier class. If this happens, Moore will offer no objections. Either way there isn't much more he can do with the light-heavyweight championship.

Ancient Archie has a terrific struggle making 175 pounds, the light-heavyweight limit, and while he confounded the experts by coming out of a Turkish bath to stop Yolande Pompey in London, he can't go on doing it forever. The light-heavyweight title is going to be up for grabs again as it has been many times in the last half century.

It can't be taken for granted Moore will defeat Patterson, and the fact is no world light-heavyweight champion, including the present titleholder, has succeeded in winning the heavy-

weight crown. Moore gave it a good try a year ago, dropped rugged Rocky early in the fight only to be knocked out by Marciano in the ninth round.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien was the first light-heavyweight champ to shoot for the big title. Others were Georges Carpentier, Tommy Loughran, John Henry Lewis, Billy Conn, and Joey Maxim. All met the same fate.

And with few exceptions all created a situation similar to the one now confronting the fistic industry.

Gene Tunney became heavyweight champion, but Gene was only the American light-heavyweight king.

Bob Fitzsimmons was a former heavyweight champion, and an ex-middleweight champion before he defeated George Gardner in 20 rounds at San Francisco in 1906.

Fitz, incidentally, is the only middleweight champion, and he had long since relinquished that title, to win the world light-heavyweight championship. Among those who tried and failed were such outstanding 160-pounders as Mickey Walker and Sugar Ray Robinson. Mickey tried twice, losing to Loughran and Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom.

The name of Harry Greb comes up, but the colorful Pittsburgh windmill, like Tunney, was only American light-heavyweight champion. As a middleweight he was a world champion, one of the greatest.

Looking ahead, James D. Norris, president of the International Boxing Club, sees Chuck Spieser, the balding collegian with a degree from Michigan State, as Moore's logical successor as world light-heavyweight champion. Chuck would like Archie's old suit case, the one weighing 175 pounds, but there are others ready to scramble for the battered old bag.

Gus Lesnevich, ex-light heavyweight champion, seen here in bid for NBA heavyweight championship version held by Ezzard Charles. Gus had had enough at the end of seven and didn't answer the bell for round eight. Another light heavy had failed to make it big as a heavyweight.

One is sure to be Sugar Ray, king of the middleweights.

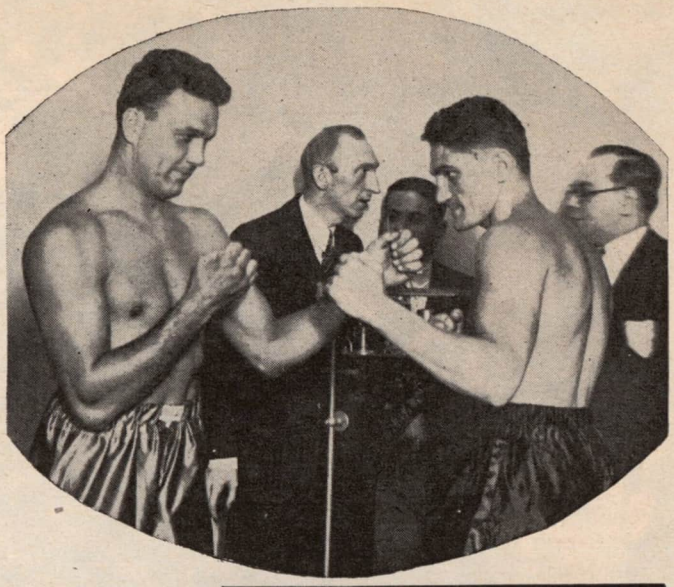
Robinson's first effort was made on a summer night at the Yankee Stadium four years ago. He was beaten, as much by the heat as by Maxim, the defending champion. Ray collapsed in the 14th round. Ruby Goldstein, the referee, collapsed in the 10th, and had to be replaced by Ray Miller.

"I'm glad I lasted longer than the referee did," Robinson wisecracked in discussing the fight long afterwards.

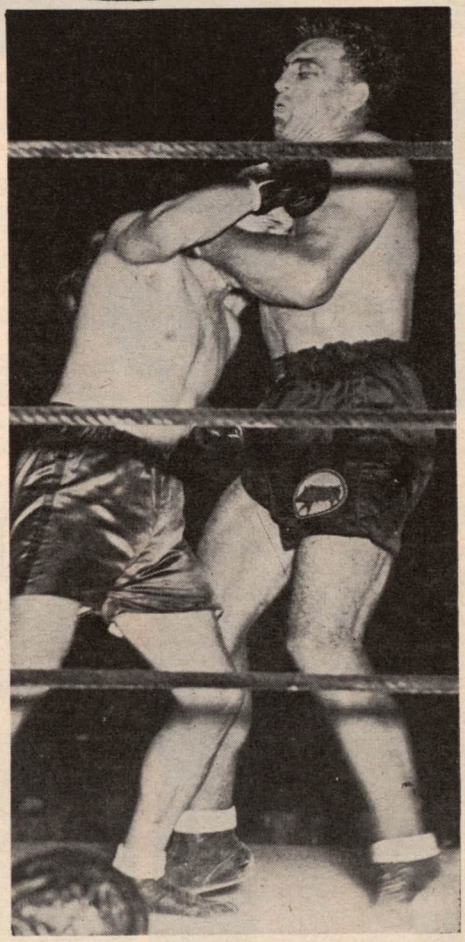
Robinson's motive in meeting Maxim was to win three titles, a feat accomplished only by Bob Fitzsimmons and Henry Armstrong. A former welterweight champion, and present middleweight boss still aspires to complete the "triple."

Sugar Ray is 36 years old. Ruby Robert was 40 years old when he defeated Gardner.

Of course the European Boxing Federation will right-



Like Moore, Jack Delaney, seen here posing with the Italian contender Nando Tassi, moved into the heavyweight class allowing Tommy Loughran to win the first heavy title by defeating Mike McTigue. Delaney fell short in his drive to heavyweight fame.



Tommy Loughran vacated his light heavy title and campaigned as a heavyweight from 1929 until he got his big chance with Primo Carnera in 1934. He lasted for fifteen rounds, but lost the decision in bout that proved how little Carnera had on the ball.

fully insist on Gerhard Hecht, German contender, getting consideration in a tournament arranged to establish a successor to Moore. He tops the **Ring Magazine's ratings** in the 175-pound class, just as Ancient Archie is first among the heavyweights. Hecht boxes in both classes.

Hans Stretz, another German; Gordon Wallace, British Empire champion, and Tony Anthony, second ranking American, are others who have earned the right to compete.

Perhaps Spieser and Anthony will fight for the American light-heavyweight title. It has happened before.

Back in the Twenties Georges Carpentier, fistic idol of France, became world light-heavyweight champion when

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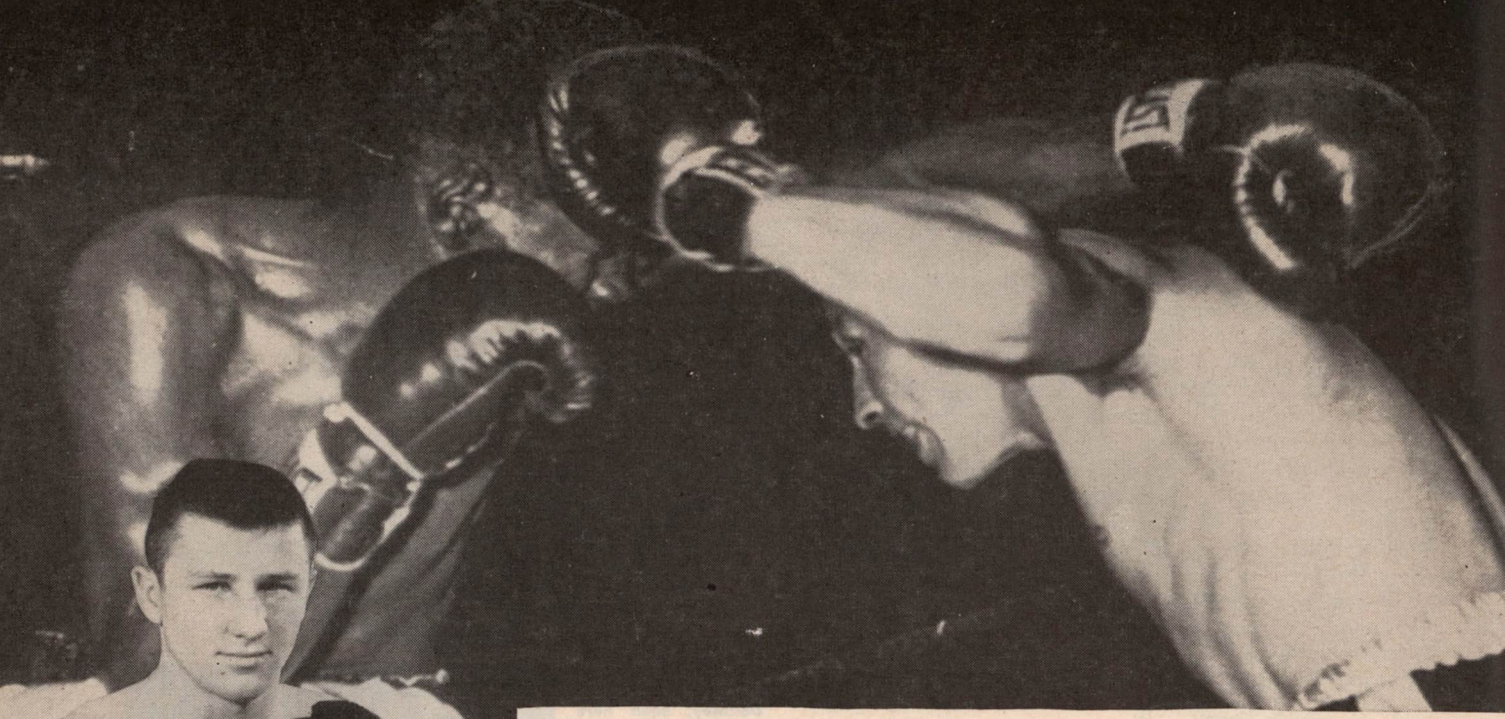

The Left Side of the Story

By MURRAY ROSE

MENTION a southpaw to a promoter or a manager, who hasn't a left-handed fighter of his own, and it's 1 to 5 he'll give you a look of disgust and make like a Dave Sime down the street. Opposite side fighters as a rule, are popular with their mothers and wives and nobody else. In the trade they are avoided like a plague.

"Southpaws? Ugh," grunts Billy Brown, matchmaker for the far-flung International Boxing Club, when you mention lefthanders.

"What can you do with a southpaw?" says Billy. *Nobody wants to fight them, and most of the time they louse up the show.*"

There have been exceptions, of course, like Lew Tendler, of the Golden Twenties, and Irish Bob Murphy and Chuck Davey of the early fifties. Murphy and Davey were among the first darlings of television fans, most of whom didn't know the difference between a left hook and a right uppercut. It must be said that many have smartened up since.

Currently Kenny Lane, a nimble youngster from Muskegon, Mich., is making the big pitch for the portsided punching society. The hot-rod kid from the mid-west began a neat job of mopping up his division this year and it could be that he'll become the first lefty to wear the lightweight crown. Anyone who can win a split decision from Ralph Dupas in New Orleans, Ralph's home town, must be rated as ready for stuffing in a museum as a new wonder of the world.

Kenny Lane, Muskegon, Michigan lightweight, latest portsider to try for that division's championship. Above he is seen defeating Ludwig Lightburn of British Honduras at Miami, Florida.

TENDLER, WHO ALMOST MADE IT, IS HIGH ON LANE'S CHANCES

One of Kenny's biggest boosters is Tendler, who came within a punch of beating the great Benny Leonard for the 135-pound crown. Tendler, now a prosperous Philadelphia restauranteur, and Leonard still hold the record for a lightweight title gate and they had two huge ones to share.

Never in History of Boxing Has a Southpaw Won the Lightweight or Heavyweight Title

It was in their first, though, that lefty Lew came within a shade of dethroning Leonard. It was fought in Boyle's 30 acres in Jersey City, N. J., on July 27, 1932, and lured 54,685 customers who paid $367,862.

Tendler a terrific puncher, nailed Benny in the eighth round and had him groggy. Leonard, in recounting the story through the years, always claimed that he was out on his feet but "talked Tendler out of the title."

"I fooled him by saying 'come on and fight. That punch didn't hurt me a bit'."

Lew didn't follow up his advantage, giving Benny time to regain his strength.

They met almost a year later, on July 23, 1933, at Yankee Stadium, before 58,819 fans who paid an almost incredible $452,648. This time it was no contest. It didn't take Benny long to learn anything and he had seen enough of Lew in their first fight to figure out Tendler's southpaw style. Benny made Lew look foolish.

If Lane doesn't make the top rung, you can bet that many many years will roll by before you get another lefty up there in the division. Southpaw fighters, in the pro ranks, that is, are scarce, and for good reason. As we mentioned before, orthodox righthanders don't want to fight lefties because they are not accustomed to the opposite style. So if a young lefthander does come along in the amateur ranks, his manager or trainer usually will "turn him around" and make a righthander out of him. There are many "turn-arounds" fighting today.

Then, too, lefthanders have a habit of wrapping their right hands around an opponent's neck and belting with the left, which is illegal even if it is effective. When Irish Bob Murphy was forced to stop using that tactic, he lost his effectiveness. Wise old Jack Hurley spotted Murphy's favorite weapon and insisted on only one thing from the New York State Athletic Commission when his revived old gladiator, Harry (Kid) Matthews fought Murphy in the Garden—don't allow Murphy to hit and hold.

Shorn of his best attacking weapon, Murphy became a sitting duck for Matthews. The Seattle veteran, under Hurley's shrewd manipulation, went on to make a fortune with his limited skills off that solid victory in a television fight, Hurley had denounced television loud and long but it was TV that made his meal-ticket, as well as the man Matthews beat—Murphy.

Murphy and Chuck Davey were the brightest products of the early TV era. Both had rocket-like rises and falls. Murphy, who fought like a sailor on shore leave and that wasn't far from the truth at that, gave the fans a thrill with his wade in take and give—mostly take—style. Davey, a four-times college champion, possessor of an M.A. from Michigan State, and more important, a nice, boyish face, was the darling of the female viewers.

Chuck neatly outboxed a bunch of setups with his right hand jabs and agile footwork and it didn't take long for the TV buildup to get him a shot at welterweight champion Kid Gavilan's title. It was amazing how many fans thought the light hitting professor could beat the Keed from Camaguey.

Some 17,450 of them paid $274,451 in the Chicago Stadium, Feb. 11, 1953, to watch the new idol and millions more looked on via TV. Old

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Lew Tendler, southpaw lightweight, almost made it but was talked out of victory by quick-thinking Benny Leonard in first of two bouts.

Irish Bob Murphy (right) skyrocketed into popularity with the fans. He never won the light heavyweight crown he aspired to win.

Chuck Davey, Detroit, Michigan welterweight, who became the "TV Darlin" of the fans but proved he didn't have it when Kid Gavilan halted his bid for the crown by disposing of Chuck in the tenth.

Knockout Brown, was one of the hardest hitters in the lightweight division in the early 1900's. Although he fought many title holders he never gained that which he wanted most . . . the crown.

RAY ROBINSON IS SUPERSTITIOUS!

Robby is not unusual . . . most boxers are attentive to hoodoos and charms against defeat.

By TED CARROLL

SUGAR RAY ROBINSON lay sprawled on the rubbing table, his sleek body half covered by a large towel. As his ancient rubdown man, old Soldier Jones, applied the liniment before beginning his muscle manipulations, the veteran's voice, sonorously somber, droned through the tiny room.

"Dreamed about M'brother, last night . . ." At these significant words, there was a nervous stir among the other occupants of the cubbyhole, Manager George Gainford swiveled his gaze anxiously in the old soldier's direction, Trainer Harry Wiley, his ears perking, dropped the training gear he was hanging in a corner. As though jerked by an invisible string, Sugar Ray's head popped up from its prone position on the table, his eyes wide with concern over what was to follow.

"M'brother been dead for years, and everytime I dream 'bout him, something tur-r-rible happens" went on the Soldier, his voice trailing off in a mournful mumble full of dire foreboding.

At this point Sugar Ray suddenly remembered that he had been bothered for the past few days with a bad cold. Raising himself to a sitting position he announced, *"The fight's off!"* When the doctors backed up Sugar Ray's claim of illness, that settled that.

This incident took place in Chicago in 1947 just two days before a scheduled fight with Georgie Abrams in the Chicago Amphitheatre. The fight was being staged by free lance promoter Fred Irvin, who had uncovered a wealthy businessman backer.

Booked shortly after Abrams had given Robinson a tough time in Madison Square Garden, the fight had caught on, and there was a $35,000 advance sale in the till. There was nothing for the promoters to do but refund the money.

Irvin, informed of Soldier Jones' vision, and looking for a bright side to the situation, said, *"When a man dead twenty years kills a fight, maybe it shouldn't have happened in the first place."*

It never did come off, although Sugar Ray did make amends by boxing Bernie Docusen in Chicago for the same promoters the following year.

Although baseball, rather than boxing, has been a stronghold of superstition these many years, with managers refusing to change clothes for fear of stopping a winning streak, famous players never neglecting to touch a certain base between innings, the unwritten rule against mention ing a pitcher's no-hit game while it is in process, making it the most hex-haunted sport in existence, the ring game has also its share of individual quirks of superstition.

Oddly enough, old time Negro fighters, popularly supposed to have been particularly susceptible to the supernatural, run a poor second for superstitious beliefs to such one-time ring heroes as James J. Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, and Jim Jeffries.

If old acquaintances and archives are accurate, "Gentleman Jim" Corbett was just about the most superstitious boxer of all time. This is surprising, since he was one of the most articulate and literate of all the heavyweight champions, and his faith in the potency of horse shoes and stray dogs as harbingers of good luck seems inconsistent with his

general character.

But that's the way it was, with Gentleman Jim, and add to that a somewhat unusual phobia against white horses, a more common one against Friday the 13th, plus a custom of always humming a tune while doing his exercising, and a practice of playing a certain number of card games the day of a fight, and we have a picture of a man overly conscious of hexes, hoodoos, and the occult.

Corbett had company among his foremost rivals, namely old Fitzy and burly Jim Jeffries. Jeff, ordinarily even-tempered and amiable, would blow a fuse if the laces of his gloves became twisted in any way, although what his reasons could have been for such a phobia baffled all about him.

Naturally, Fitz, a former blacksmith, was a devout believer in the benign qualities of the horseshoe. Fitz also had a fanatical fondness for animals, any animal. He made it a practice to show up in camp with all types of newly found pets, even going as far as getting himself a bear cub mascot. His early contact with his equine customers while doing his blacksmithing, could have accounted for the strong feeling Fitz had for our four-footed friends.

During most of his career, Pompton Lakes, N. J., was looked upon by Joe Louis and all about him as the old Brown Bomber's lucky spot. They became convinced of this, when, back in 1936 after becoming the sensation of the ring, while doing his training chores at this spot, Joe shunned it in favor of Lakewood, N. J.

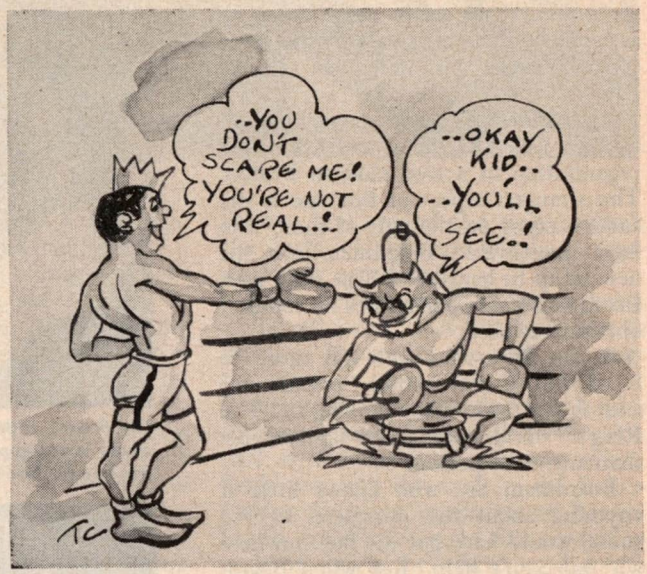
This was in preparation for the first Schmeling fight. What happened to Joe in this one is history, so with Joe himself in the van, and the entire Louis retinue of the

time, Julian Black, John Roxborough, Jack Blackburn and even Mike Jacobs, trailing along, the party broke all records hot-footing it back to Doc Bier's old time training camp.

In the sad twilight of his ill-fated comeback, Louis returned to Pompton for his final fling against Rocky Marciano. But the power of other days had gone forever, and the magic of the old spot proved helpless against the inroads of Time.

For one of his humble background, Louis, was unusually free of superstition. Good old Joe, a simple soul, always impressed as being just a believer in the *"What will be, will be."* philosophy, and the devil take all jinxes, charms, talismans, and such.

Still there was one time in his heyday when he seemed



to show a bit of doubt in his disdain for the supernatural. This came the night he faced Lou Nova back in 1941. Lou's practice of Yoga as a training chore had been widely publicized. Since Oriental mysticism is a thing of wonderment to most of us, the old Bomber, like the general public, was mystified by tales of the "cosmic" punch and "dynamic stance" coming out of the Nova camp.

He was awed by these strange reports, and the first few rounds of the fight were fought in genuine slow motion by both men. However, in the sixth round, having seen no evidence of the supernatural in Nova up to then, Louis decided *"To heck with it!"* and let go a right which dumped Nova to the canvas and forever settled the fate of Yoga as a fistic factor.

Ring graybeards recall, as one of the most out-of-character sights ever seen in pugilism, Owen Moran's practice of hanging a dainty pair of baby shoes on the ring post in his corner. Such a tender sentiment seemed singularly unsuited for Moran, brawling British featherweight, who was tougher outside of the ring than he was in it, and that was saying plenty.

Old Joe Humphries, fight announcer of long ago, and a bosom pal of Terry M'Govern, used to tell the tale of how M'Govern before a fight, had a habit of taking off his left shoe and spitting in it, a unique, if somewhat unsanitary, practice.

Although his own personal misfortunes may have caused a change in his feelings today, Barney Ross was a fighter who jested at jinxes and ill omens, calling them pure hokum.

Fully aware that no champion had ever successfully defended his title in the old hoodoo spot, the Garden

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Nat FLEISCHER *says:*

Boston fans het-up over Boardman Deal
Jackson continues a heavyweight threat
New York at last gets title contest

THE case of Larry Boardman, New England leading lightweight and the hardest hitter in the division, has aroused the indignation of the boxing public, if we are to judge by its reaction to purchase of part of the boy's contract from his father by Blinky Palermo.

That affiliation quickly brought an attack on Sam Silverman, and led to the organization of a rival club in Boston. The strangest aspect of the case is the sudden effort on the part of those who have maneuvered Boardman into the new setup to harass Sad Sam, who gave Boardman the opportunities he couldn't obtain elsewhere.

It was Silverman who did more to build the kid into national prominence and obtain for him top ranking in "The Ring's" world selection of lightweights than any other person.

Boardman, Sr., who knows little if anything about the intricacies of the game, would have got his boy nowhere without Sam's help. Just when Boardman was breaking through the barrier by performances that no longer could be ignored by the major boxing organizations, his father capitulated.

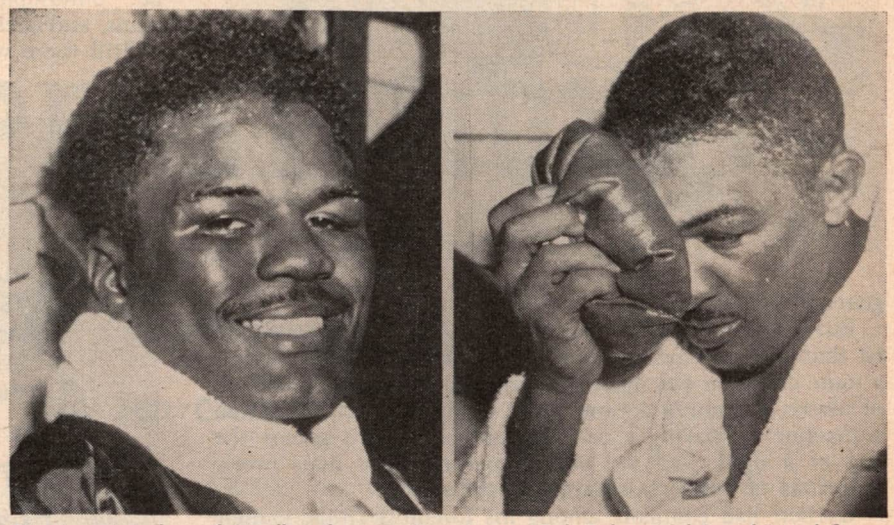
He surrendered to the group that practically controls boxing in our country, Palermo being one of its members with Frankie Carbo at its head. Now, young Boardman will be seen nationally on television, will obtain lucrative contests and already is being considered as the next opponent for Joey Brown in a world lightweight championship bout.

Such is boxing as conducted to-day on a nation-wide basis! It is not so much ability that counts as the "proper connections" and no one can doubt that Blinky has those "connections" while Silverman hasn't.

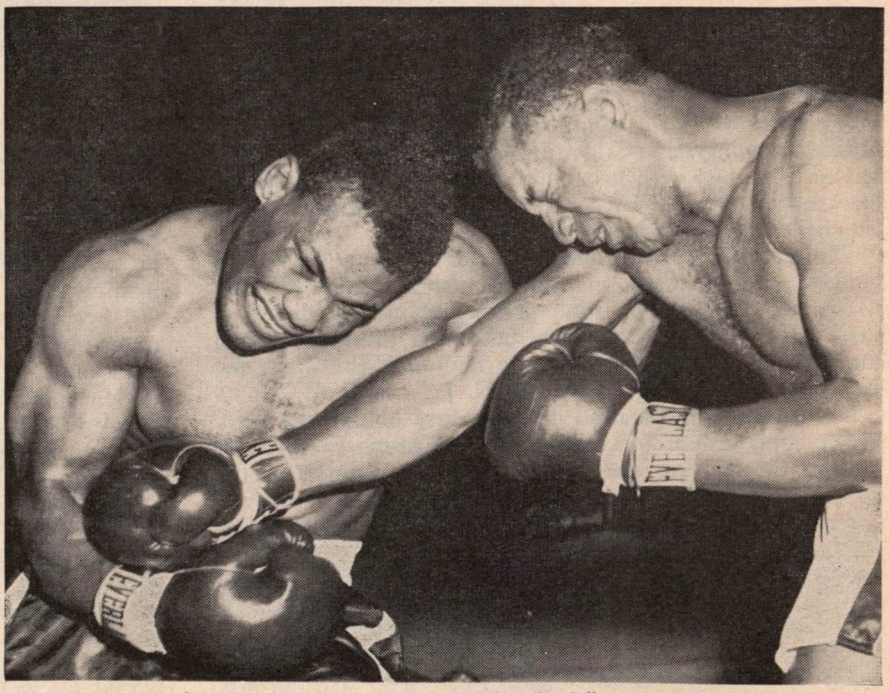
"What's behind all this"?, ask Ring readers. *Why was it necessary for Boardman, Sr. to sell his son's contract to a manager who is banned from holding a license in New York? Why has a powerful combine been organized in Boston to run boxing in opposition to Silverman, in an effort to put him out of business?*

We have asked the same question since Boardman is a natural and can stand on his own for national contests.

There is an answer to the formation of the new club under the guidance of Johnny Buckley, former manager of Jack Sharkey, heavyweight champion, subsidized by Jim Norris, of the International Boxing Club.



"Hurricane" Jackson (left) all smiles over his win over Bob Baker, (right) a dejected figure, whose loss dropped him out of the immediate heavyweight title scramble while boosting Jackson into the limelight.

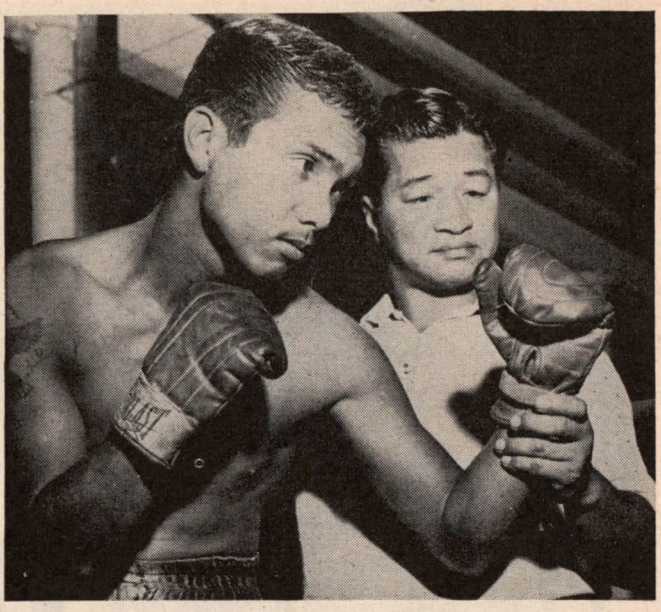


Joe Bygraves, British Empire heavyweight champ, (left) who follows tradition of British heavies invading U. S. In losing to Wayne Bethea at St. Nicholas Arena in New York City, Bygraves, in his initial showing in American rings, served notice that he wasn't of the caliber to worry top notchers.

TELEVISION CONTRACT BEHIND I.B.C. INVASION OF BOSTON

In order to stage important boxing contests, Norris finds it necessary to have a TV outlet. In its agreements with the Gillette Razor Blade Co. and the Pabst-Mennen outfits for Friday and Wednesday national shows, the I.B.C., which holds exclusive contracts for the television, spreads the shows around

Frank "Blinky" Palermo who claims managership of lightweight Larry Boardman despite Father's statement that "Blinky" only has purchased a ten per cent interest in the New Englander.



Dado Marino, former flyweight champion of the world, proudly holds up left hand of his stepson Larry, who Dado says will some day be a champion in his own right.

the country in cooperation with local promoters. This Norris had not been able to do in Boston.

Silverman has refused to have his shows televised because he would get little revenue from the television, and must depend almost wholly on what he can draw at the gate. Because of that, several world championship bouts which he staged were kept off the screen in Boston. Since the TV sponsors have insisted on the elimination of the blackout in Boston, Norris has been kept out of that city.

To insure against such procedure, the IBC has come to Buckley's aid and the new club will receive TV sponsored shows. It is improbable that Silverman will be in a position to stage any bouts of national importance. It's a tough blow for Sad Sam who has kept boxing alive in the New England area.

Boardman was prompted to take in Palermo as a partner by the way Commissioner Julius Helfand of New York treated Blinky and Saxton for the Syracuse fight with Basilio. Though Blinky is banned in the Empire State, Helfand permitted Saxton to sign for the fight.

This of course constituted a subterfuge since everyone in boxing knows that Palermo dictated the terms for the fight, arranged the contract, as he told the scribes at a Boxing Writers' luncheon, handled all of Saxton's affairs and collected his share of Saxton's purse.

NO SECRET WHY BLINKY BOUGHT INTO BOARDMAN

With a world championship match in the making between Blinky's "new champion," as he refers to Boardman, and Joey Brown, Palermo figures he can work the same game over again and obtain a lucrative match in New York.

Lou Viscusi, manager of Brown, who is still on the sidelines due to his broken wrist, is eager to have Joey fight Boardman instead of Saxton who holds a return bout contract.

Since Palermo is the manager of both Saxton and Boardman, there should be no difficulty in placing Johnny on the sidelines to make way for Larry, who is more likely to regain the crown for Blinky than is Saxton.

Is there any wonder that Palermo bought into the Boardman contract? Excellent maneuvering on the part of Blinky and his side kick, Frankie Carbo, Lord of Boxing in America.

Sad Sam Silverman is the lone survivor of the bigger independent promoters in the East. During the current year he proved himself the top promoter by staging most of the best fights in the country. Pity that with boxing in such sad state, another boxing landmark may be shut down.

SHARP DIVERGENCE OF OPINION ON JACKSON-BAKER

Once again the question of effective aggressiveness vs. back-pedaling has occupied the attention of the fight fans, particularly the TV followers of boxing. The discussion arose after the bout between Bob Baker, "lazy-bones" of pugilism, and the crude, comedy artist performer of Fistiana, Tommy Hurricane Jackson in what was designated as an "elimination" in Pittsburgh.

Judge Lupinacci voted for Jackson, 8 to 4 in rounds as they score it in Pennsylvania; Judge Al Grayber, 6-4 and 2 for Hurricane; and Referee Ernie Sesto, 7-4-1 for Baker. Reporters covering the contest had it 8 to 3 for Baker. TV spectators saw the decision a correct one.

What brings about such a variance? It traces to credit one gives to a fighter who keeps backing away, continuously however, stabbing his left to the face effectively while his aggressive opponent, chasing him around the ring, contacts the body of his back-pedaling opponent only occasionally.

Such ineffectiveness, though a boxer is the aggressor, does not earn him as much as it benefits the man who tags the aggressor often while on the run.

Aggressiveness, according to the rules of boxing, must carry with it effectiveness if a boxer is to pile up points. Such was not the case in the Baker-Jackson fight nor in the recent Brown-Smith world lightweight title contest in each of which the official verdict was criticized.

Baker is a lazy battler. He does no more work than he feels is absolutely required for him to win. Because of that he has lost contests that should have been a cinch for him. He has lost his chances for a world championship bout.

As he remarked after the bout, "So I blew another duke, so what?"

That seems to sum up his attitude. He said that, too, when he disgusted the spectators at Ed Bang's show in Cleveland where he beat Nino Valdes. It is not the attitude for success.

Jackson still is a boxing clown. He may mean much to the promoters as an attraction because of his weird Battling Siki clownish antics that seem to please the TV onlookers, those who don't pay at the box office but constitute the greatest number of spectators. His style pleases the sponsors and because of that, he will continue to obtain lucrative contests.

He'll never get beyond the niche he now occupies. Yet he figures as a top man due to the mediocre field of heavyweights. That's how far the division has flopped.

Amazing that a clown who knows so little about boxing, has become so big a drawing card and ranks third among

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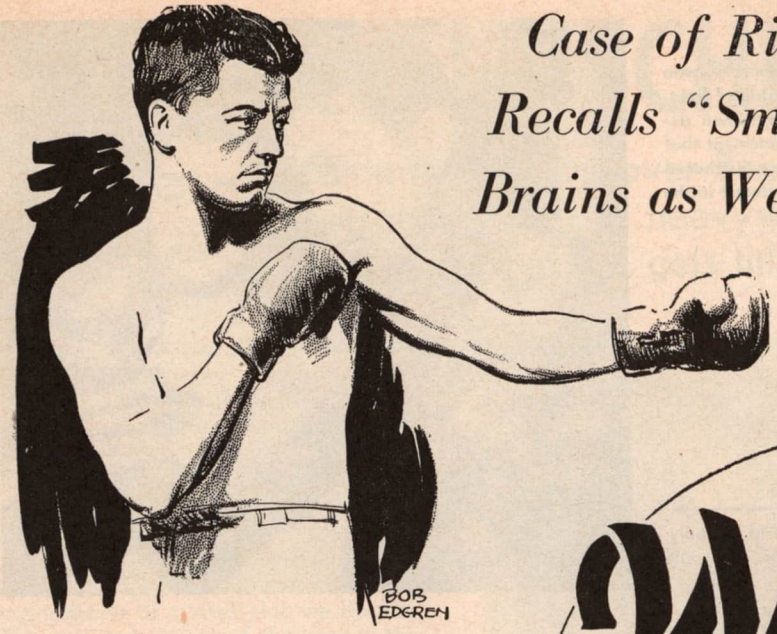


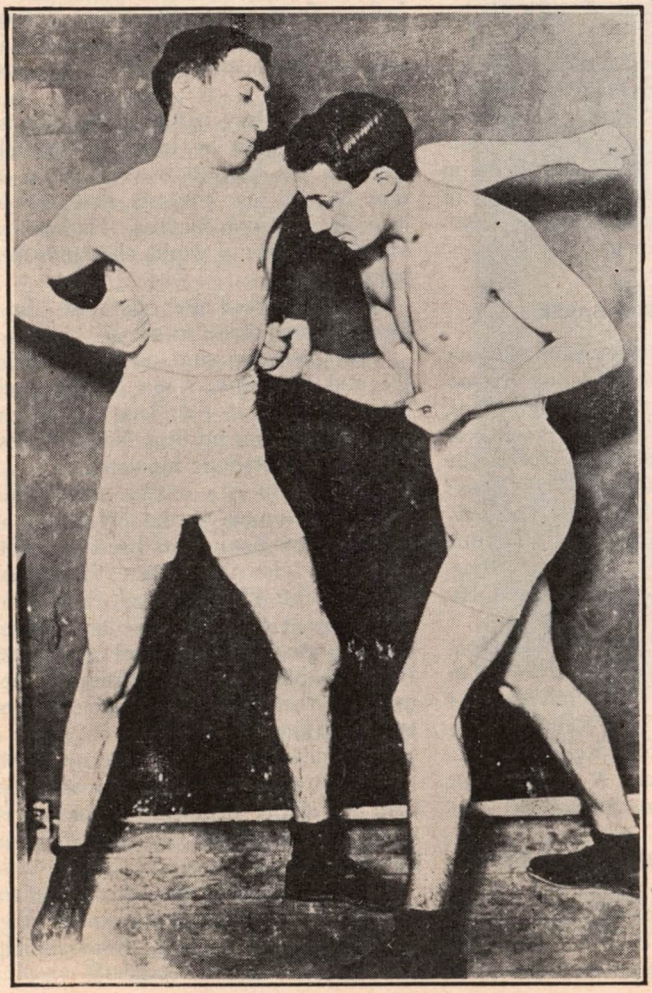
Case of Ringwise Archie Moore Recalls "Smart" Boxers Who Used Brains as Well as Brawn to Achieve Success.

By JERSEY JONES

Wise Guys

Kid McCoy, a tricky competitor and originator of shoe lace ruse, staged his greatest coup when he "out-smarted" Tommy Ryan to win welterweight title.

Two bouts with crafty veteran George Dixon converted Abe Attell (right, with brother Monte) from a cocky slugger into a clever boxer.



ASK any constituent of Archie Moore why he expects Ancient Archie to whip youthful Floyd Patterson in their impending get-together for the vacant world heavyweight title, and the answer is certain to be:

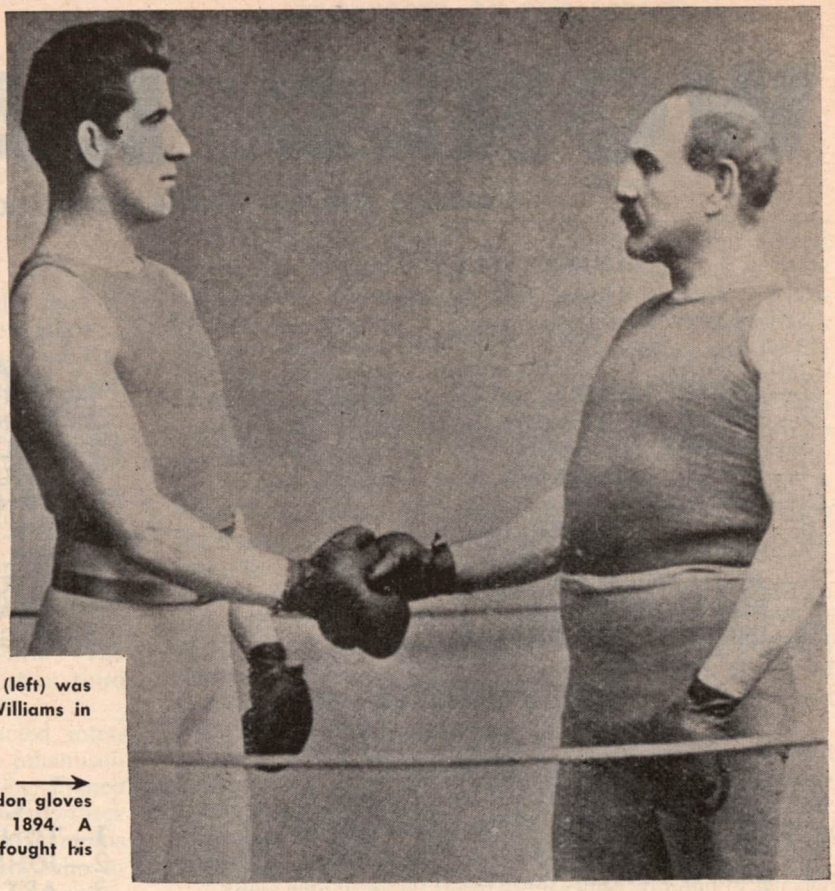
"The old man knows too much for the kid."

Admittedly, Moore is loaded with ringcraft. He's about as shrewd and calculating a mechanic as you'll find in the ring today. There are few answers he doesn't know. What the years and a long, active career may have taken out of him physically has been amply replaced by a keen brain. Moore knows how to get a maximum of result from a minimum of effort. He paces himself carefully, wastes no strength in needless moves, and "picks his spots" as he goes along.

Patterson, with all his youth, speed and ambition, cannot afford to make many mistakes once the bell sends him out against Moore. Even one mistake could lead to disaster.

In recent years the ring has produced comparatively few "smart" operators. Moore is one. Willie Pep also would qualify, and possibly Ray Robinson. Taken by and large, however, "thinking" is an art that seems to have gradually vanished from the fight scene. We are now in an era of the "club fighter," whose main qualifications are ruggedness, durability and a willingness to pile in and toss punches, come what may. He has no versatility of style and is incapable of altering his tactics as and when the occasion requires. Any mistakes he may make in the first round, he still makes in the tenth—if he lasts that long.

The tempo of these restless times may be largely responsible for the generally poor quality of the current ringmen. Everybody's in such an infernal hurry, nobody's got time to learn his trade properly.



In meeting of champions, featherweight Johnny Kilbane (left) was too clever and cagey for slugging bantamweight Kid Williams in Philadelphia.

"New" and "Old" Masters, Jim Corbett and Jem Mace, don gloves for an exhibition during Corbett's visit to England in 1894. A pioneer of "scientific" boxing, Mace was 59 when he fought his last fight.

That's one reason why Archie Moore, at least 40 and probably three years beyond, may become the oldest performer ever to win the heavyweight title. He can "*think*"—and that gives him a tremendous edge on more youthful and physically better equipped rivals.

As a rule, "*smart*" boxers may not be as popular with the action-craving public as the slam-bang sluggers, but because they know how to defend themselves and not absorb as much punishment, their careers invariably last considerably longer. The give-and-take species usually wear out in a hurry, but it's not uncommon for a clever boxer to stretch his ring span to twenty years—and even beyond.

Abe Attell, one of boxing's all-time greats, attributes much of his success and longevity in the ring to a couple of meetings early in his career with another immortal, George Dixon.

"I got a real education in those fights," says Abe, *"and they changed my entire idea of the boxing business.*

"It was in 1901, and I was a cocky kid, only 18 and fighting about two years. I couldn't be bothered with fancy stuff. I was tough and a pretty good puncher and my whole idea, once a fight started, was to walk right into the other guy and try to knock his brains out. I was doing all right, too—until I met Dixon.

"Our first bout was in Denver. George was 31 and fighting fifteen years. To me, he was an 'old man', and I was sure I'd flatten him in a hurry.

"I certainly tried, but what I learned that night was a real eye-opener. Was that old guy full of tricks! He feinted me into knots, tied me up in clinches and had me swinging all over the joint. I was lucky the referee called it a draw.

"That bout started me thinking. I realized there was much more to the business than just swinging fists, and that's when I decided to become a boxer.

"A couple of months later Dixon and I were rematched in Cripple Creek, Colorado. Terry McGovern and Young Corbett both were claiming the featherweight title, but neither could make the class limit, then 122 pounds, so the promoter advertised our match as for the vacant title.

"All the stuff I learned from Dixon in our first fight, I put to good use in the second bout. I won the decision, and picked up a lot more pointers from the old guy before the thing was over. From then on, I was a boxer."

And a mighty good one, Abe could add. He was good enough to hold the championship for eleven busy years, and not only fought all the top featherweights but such outstanding lightweights as Battling Nelson, Harlem Tommy Murphy, Matt Wells and Freddie Welsh.

When Abe finally lost the title, it was to another cagey ringster, Johnny Kilbane, who also held the laurels for eleven years.

The story of Benny Leonard has been told often in these pages, but it shouldn't be amiss to tell it again.

Benny realized early in his career that he didn't have the strength and ruggedness to be a slugger. Stopped by Joe Shugrue and Frankie Fleming, Leonard began to concentrate on speed and cleverness. A keen student, he developed into one of the finest mechanics in ring history. He was only 21, but already a superb boxer, deadly sharpshooter and keen strategist, when he became lightweight champion in May, 1917, and he still dominated the 135-pound division when he announced his retirement more than seven years later, in August, 1924.

His agile brain helped to win many a bout for Benny. That incident with Lew Tendler in their Jersey City meeting in 1922, when Leonard talked himself out of serious trouble, has been related so often there's no sense in repeating it here. But this commentator recalls several other instances when Benny's quick thinking proved a valuable asset. To cite one, there was the time Leonard travelled out to Milwaukee to meet the local idol, Richie Mitchell. It was about a month before Benny won the lightweight title from Freddie Welsh in New York.

Leonard, suffering from a cold, had a legitimate reason for requesting a postponement, but he insisted on going

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By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 18, 1956

HEAVYWEIGHTS

(over 175 pounds)

World Champion

Title Vacant

1—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
2—**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—**TOMMY JACKSON,** Far Rockaway, N. Y.
4—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
5—**BOB BAKER,** Pittsburgh, Pa.
6—**HAROLD CARTER,** Linden, N. J.
7—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
8—**JOHN HOLMAN,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**BOB SATTERFIELD,** Chicago, Ill.
10—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion

RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
3—**RALPH JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.
4—**ELLSWORTH (SPIDER) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
5—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
6—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
8—**NEAL RIVERS,** Las Vegas, Nev.
9—**CHARLEY JOSEPH,** New Orleans, La.
10—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** Buffalo, N. Y.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion

JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**LARRY BOARDMAN,** Marlboro, Conn.
3—**WALLACE (BUD) SMITH,** Cincinnati, O.
4—**CISCO ANDRADE,** Compton, Calif.
5—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
6—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
7—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
8—**JIMMY CARTER,** New York, N. Y.
9—**RICHIE HOWARD,** Canada
10—**LUDWIG LIGHTBURN,** British Honduras

BANTAMWEIGHTS

(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion

MARIO D'AGATA, Italy

1—**RAUL (RATON) MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
3—**TANNY CAMPO,** Philippines
4—**BILLY PEACOCK,** Los Angeles, Calif.
5—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
6—**RICARDO MORENO,** Mexico
7—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
8—**KEVIN JAMES,** Australia
9—**GERMAN OHM,** Mexico
10—**FILI NAVA,** Mexico

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion

ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**GERHARD HECHT,** Germany
2—**HANS STRETZ,** Germany
3—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
4—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
5—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
6—**WILLI BESMANOFF,** Germany
7—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
8—**GORDON WALLACE,** Canada
9—**CHARLES COLIN,** France
10—**DOGOMAR MARTINEZ,** Uruguay

WELTERWEIGHTS

(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion

CARMEN BASILIO, Syracuse, N. Y.

1—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
2—**JOHNNY SAXTON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—**ART ARAGON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
4—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
5—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
6—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
7—**CLARENCE (DUKE) HARRIS,** Detroit, Mich.
8—**RAMON FUENTES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**DARBY BROWN,** Australia
10—**EMILIO MARCONI,** Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS

(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion

SANDY SADDLER, New York, N. Y.

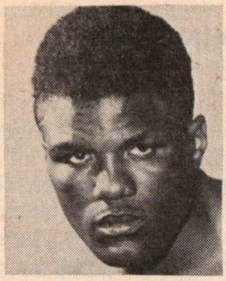
1—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY,** Nigeria
2—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
3—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
4—**CARMELO COSTA,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
5—**MIGUEL BERRIOS,** Puerto Rico
6—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
7—**CIRO MORASEN,** Cuba
8—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
9—**VICTOR (SONNY) LEON,** Venezuela
10—**RUDY GARCIA,** Los Angeles, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS

(Not over 112 pounds)

PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico
2—**DAI DOWER,** Wales
3—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
4—**HITOSHI MISAKO,** Japan
5—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
6—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
7—**OSCAR SUAREZ,** Cuba
8—**BINDI JACK,** Australia
9—**ROBERT POLLAZON,** France
10—**FRANKIE JONES,** Scotland



TOMMY JACKSON

Fighter of the Month

While boxing enthusiasts are waiting for the shot in the arm they hope the sport will receive when a heavyweight champion is crowned to take over the title vacated by Rocky Marciano, the sport keeps its head above water with mediocre contests holding the spotlight. In New York, with the Ice Show then the Rodeo taking over, boxing activity was almost at a standstill during the past month with only the St. Nicholas Club carrying on despite its partial loss of its TV national hookup and its change of television time.

The major bout in this country was that between Bob Baker and Hurricane Jackson staged in Pittsburgh, a contest that was won by the Hurricane and enabled him to take the bow as "The Ring's Fighter of The Month." His triumph also enabled him to retain his high post in third position among the contenders.

The only other heavyweight bout that attracted international attention, was that in which Ingemar Johannson of Sweden won the European crown by halting Franco Cavicchi of Italy in the thirteenth round. The twenty-three year old Swede crashed the ranking ten as a result of his triumph, replacing Johnny Summerlin of Detroit, who in his last time out lost to Harold Carter.

Joey Maxim, long idle and dropped from the light heavy weight ratings, decided to make a comeback as a heavyweight and came through with a ten rounds victory over Edgardo Romero.

In England, the fiasco in which Ezzard Charles, former title holder, was disqualified in the second round of his fight with Dick Richardson, "for persistent holding", aroused the ire of the throng that witnessed the affair. Neither Dick nor Ezzard appear in the world selections, but had Dick scored a kayo, he would have paved the way for such recognition.

Tony Anthony of New York and Willi Besmanoff of Germany made advances in the light heavyweight ranks, Tony going up from seventh to fifth and Willi from ninth to sixth because of good performances. Gordon Wallace, the Canadian who holds the British Empire cruiserweight crown, due to inactivity, has been dropped from fifth to eight and Willi Hoepner of Germany, from sixth to seventh. Though Gerhard Hecht, the Number One contender for Archie Moore's title, competes both as a heavy weight and light heavy, he can readily make the lighter weight and is continued in the top position. As we go to press, Hoepner makes his US debut against fourth ranked Chuck Spieser of Lansing, Mich., too late to make this edition.

The big surprise in the middleweight class was the kayo of highly ranked Bobby Boyd by Joey Giardello of Philadelphia in the fifth round. Joe thus regained a high position in the world selections. He is listed sixth. Eduardo Lausse, kayoed by Andres Selpa, has retired and been dropped from the ratings.

Boyd dropped from second to seventh while Charley Humez of France, who kayoed Peter Muller, has been upped from fourth to second. Neal Rivers of Las Vegas went down to eighth from fifth post and Charley Joseph of New Orleans, who lost to unrated Willie Vaughn but beat Al Hauser, dropped a peg from eighth to ninth. Spider Webb's triumph over Charlie Cotton gained a rise for him from seventh to fourth.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—George Chuvalo, Canada
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Andy Domebo, Stockton, Calif.
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Juan Pomare, New York, N. Y.
WELTERWEIGHT—Stefan Redl, Passaic, N. J.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Kenny Decereaux, New Orleans, La.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Gabriel Navarro, Mexico
BANTAMWEIGHT—Felix Cervantes, Mexico
FLYWEIGHT—Jorge Correa, Mexico

There were no changes in the welter class but several in the lightweight division in which Duilio Loi of Italy continues the top contender with Larry Boardman of Marlboro, Conn., close on his trail. Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland, Cal., advanced to seventh from eighth position and Richie Howard of Canada, from tenth to ninth. Ludwig Lightburn of British Honduras and Jimmy Carter of New York each went down one post, from ninth to tenth and seventh to eighth respectively.

The featherweight class lost one of its ranking members when Fred Galiana, European champion, decided to vacate his throne and compete as a lightweight. He can no longer make the weight in the lower division.

Flash Elorde of the Philippines has replaced Galiana in the sixth position and Ciro Morasen of Cuba, Ike Chestnut of New York and Victor Leon of Venezuela each advanced one peg because of Galiana's retirement. Rudy Garcia of Los Angeles who is doing well on the Pacific Coast, gained a spot in the world ratings and is listed tenth.

Jose Lopez of Mexico, kayoed by Rudy Garcia, went down from fourth to seventh in the bantam class and Tanny Campo of the Philippines was upped from fifth to third. Alphonse Halimi of France also gained a point, going up from sixth to fifth.

Others who were advanced are Ricardo Moreno of Mexico from seventh to sixth; Kevin James of Australia from ninth to eighth and German Ohm of Mexico from tenth to ninth while Jean Renard of Belgium dropped out of the rankings with Fili Nava of Mexico returning in tenth post. Nava upset Billy Peacock, causing him to drop from second to fourth.

Only one change was made in the flyweight class in which Franklie Jones of Scotland replaced Dick Currie in the tenth spot. Here are the month's leading bouts:

RESULTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson outpunched Bob Baker, 12.

Ingemar Johansson won European title by kayoing Franco Cavicchi, 13. Zora Folley outscored Nino Valdes, 10. Young Jack Johnson decisioned Ben Wise, 10. Wayne Bethea halted British Empire champion Joe Bygraves, 5.

Joey Maxim returned to action after a long lay-off and defeated Edgardo Romero, 10. Pedro Klyssen, champion of Holland, beat Lucien Touzard, 10. Hans Kalbfell kayoed Heinz Seelisch, 3, and beat Marcel Limage, 6.

Dick Richardson awarded decision over Ezzard Charles (Charles disqualified in second round for "persistent holding"). Erich Schoeppner knocked out Calvas of Belgium, 3. Hans Friedrich decisioned Young Harry Wills, 10.

Roy Harris won from Charley Norkus, 10. Joey Rowan defeated Pat Roberts, 8. Buddy Turman kayoed Felix Antonio, 4.

Wayne Womochil kayoed Russell Grothe, 3. Wilson Kohlbrecher outfumbled Abel Cestac, 8.

Ruben Vargas stopped Bob Scrivens, 3, and beat Joe Louis III, 10. Werner Wiegand flattened Robert Bedrnik, 1. Louis Senn outpointed Ady Bivers, 6.

Alex Miteff stopped Randy Brevard, 5, and Charlie Jones, 2. Emil Brtko edged out John Harper, 6. Bo Willis bested Jim Taylor, 6.

Cal Butler stopped George Kartalian, 1. Lajuin Burke stopped John Hollins, 5. Fernando Kala kayoed James Wiley, 5, and Choo Choo Williams, 1.

Chubby Norris defeated Joe Bramaham, 6. Dennis McCann stopped Joe Woods, 2. Augie Turiano kayoed Bob McQuade, 2.

Coranzor Fitzgerald kayoed Joe Taylor, 5. Johnny York kayoed Hurricane Holly, 3. Tony Gagliardo defeated Obie Rhodes, 6.

Dave Roy kayoed Terry Jackson, 3. Tony Hughes kayoed Johnny Cirelli, 1. Dutch champion Pedro Klyssen decisioned Lucien Touzard, 10. Cordell Jones kayoed George Taveres, 3. Hans Kalbfell halted Heinz Seelisch, 3, and whipped Marcel Limage, 6.

Julio Mederos and Benny Thomas drew, 10. Kitione Lave outfumbled Young Harry Wills, 8. Howard King outscored Joe Sandell, 10. John Harper bested Cal Butler, 6. Tony Hughes kayoed Jim O'Connell, 2.

LIGHT HEAYWEIGHTS

Willie Besmanoff kayoed French champion Maurice Mols, 8, beat Artemio Calzavara, 10, and polished off Albert Westphal, 5.

German champion Hans Stretz decisioned Randy Turpin, 10. Billy Kilgore defeated Hans Szuzina, 10.

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MEN OF ACTION

By LEW ESKIN

THE clarion cry of the boxing managers today is that they cannot obtain enough work for their "Tigers". "There aren't enough clubs running to keep all the fighters busy, and if you do fight in the small clubs, they want you to fight for nothing" is the lament of the managers.

To some small extent this is true, but it is just as true that if a manager is interested in keeping his boy busy, he can also find plenty of clubs that are crying for talent, especially name talent. True, they can't pay as well as those that have a TV sponsor, but many of the so-called smaller clubs have drawn gates well beyond those of the BIG organizations including the International Boxing Club's Madison Square Garden.

This is particularly true in the Southwest and the Pacific Coast where the majority of the fight clubs in the states are now located. With only a little more than nine months of the year gone, three boxers who have found the lack of clubs no obstacle in their way of keeping busy. Each has engaged in better than eleven main bouts to date.

Oddly enough these three cover the field, from World Light Heavyweight Champion Archie Moore, who is also the leading contender for the vacant heavyweight title, to Paul Jorgensen, the fourth ranking featherweight. The third member is the journeyman middleweight Jimmy Martinez.

Jimmy Martinez's (left) Glendale, Arizona middleweight, is a throwback to the old timers. He will fight anyone, anywhere, and is one of the ring's busiest battlers. Martinz has had 12 bouts so far this year.

Each has kept active for a different reason. Moore, the forty year old plus veteran, is inclined to put on weight, and if he is to stay in condition and keep his fighting tools sharp, he must stay active. At his age a long layoff and long training grind could well prove fatal to his heavyweight title quest late in November against Floyd Patterson.

Old Archie has seen action in many cities from London, England, where he defended his crown against Yolande Pampey, through Toronto, Canada; Edmonton, Canada; Tucson, San Francisco, San Diego, Hollywood, Sacramento, Richmond, Seattle, and Ogden, Utah. Moore has kept busy fighting his way into tip top shape, thus keeping himself in fighting trim.

Over his long twenty year ring career Archie has been a globe trotter as well. His record lists fights in Australia, Panama, Argentina, as well as all over the United States. His 155 contests show that he has taken them all on. He has kept himself busy regardless of the compensation.

Paul Jorgensen, the twenty-one year old college boy from Port Arthur, Texas, has been a busy youngster since the start of his pro career three years ago. In that short time he has packed in fifty fights, twenty last year and eleven so far this year.

Paul is learning his trade the right way, by fighting and picking up experience by meeting all types of opponents, the crafty veterans like Teddy Davis, ex-lightweight king Lauro Salas, ex-bantamweight ruler Harold Dade, Henry (Pappy) Gault, and Jackie Blair. He also has fought the cuties like Lulu Perez, Carmelo Costa, Joe Boland and the youngsters, Davey Walden, Tony Dupas, Owen Romero and Ernie Ramos. In addition he has tackled the journeymen, like Kid Campeche, Eddie Bertolino, Young Junior, Johnny Guebara, Buddy Baggett, Santiago Gonzales, and J. W. Henry. That's what has enabled him to make so rapid a climb.

Jorgensen has faced them all, sluggers, clowns, maulers, clutchers, runners, catchers, good fighters and bad. He has benefited from big gates such as the Costa, Salas, Davis, and Gault fights that drew over $20,000 and has participated in bouts that had only the hundred dollar gates in Lake Charles, Port Arthur, Fort Worth and Corpus Christi.

In compiling 45 wins against 4 losses and a draw, Paul has added polish and confidence as he has progressed to the point of the leading American challenger for Sandy Saddler's title.

While all but one of his fights have been fought inside Texas, his school and family have restricted his travel. Living in a small town with no gym and no sparring partners, he has found it better to fight regularly than to pick and choose his spots.

Martinez, the crafty Glendale, Arizona scrapper, follows his trade wherever it calls. A youthful veteran at twenty-six, he has been to the wars ninety-three times since becoming a pro back in 1951. A cowboy and rodeo performer before taking up boxing for a career, he has fought all of the top men in the welterweight and middleweight classes in the big town and the small alike, wherever fights could be found for him.

Winning and losing, always making a fine showing, Jimmy has defeated Del Flanagan, Bobby Dykes, Bobby Jones, Al Andrews, Allie Gronik, Peter Muller, Joe Miceli, Charley Salas, Dick Goldstein, Dick Lane and faced Spider Webb, Willie Pastrano, Carl (Bobo) Olson, Ramon Fuentes, Pat Lowry, Ernie Durando, and Danny Giovanelli.

He has fought on TV shows five times from the big cities –New York, Rochester, Chicago, Brooklyn, Miami Beach. Martinez has fought in less populated cities, among them Monroe, La., Tucson, Ariz., Superior, Ariz., Yuma, Ariz., Billings, Montant, Prescott, Ariz., Phoenix, San Antonio, Spokane, and he has fought in the in-between towns Portland, Ore., Hollywood, St. Paul, Toledo, New Orleans, Miami.

For Jimmy these contests are not for experience such as were those in Jorgensen's case. Theye were not taken on to keep in condition as did Archie Moore. They are his way of earning a living. Jimmy has no title ambitions. He is a fighter plying his trade when and where he can.

Others who are journey men of the ring like Martinez and keep busy in small towns and big towns are Al Andrews, St. Paul middleweight; Glen Flanagan, St. Paul lightweight, and Teddy Davis, Hartford lightweight.

Kenny Lane of Muskegon, Michigan's sixth ranking lightweight is another lad who like Jorgensen is learning by fight-

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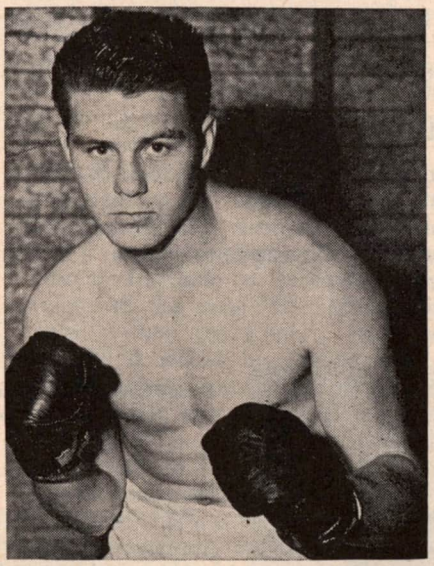
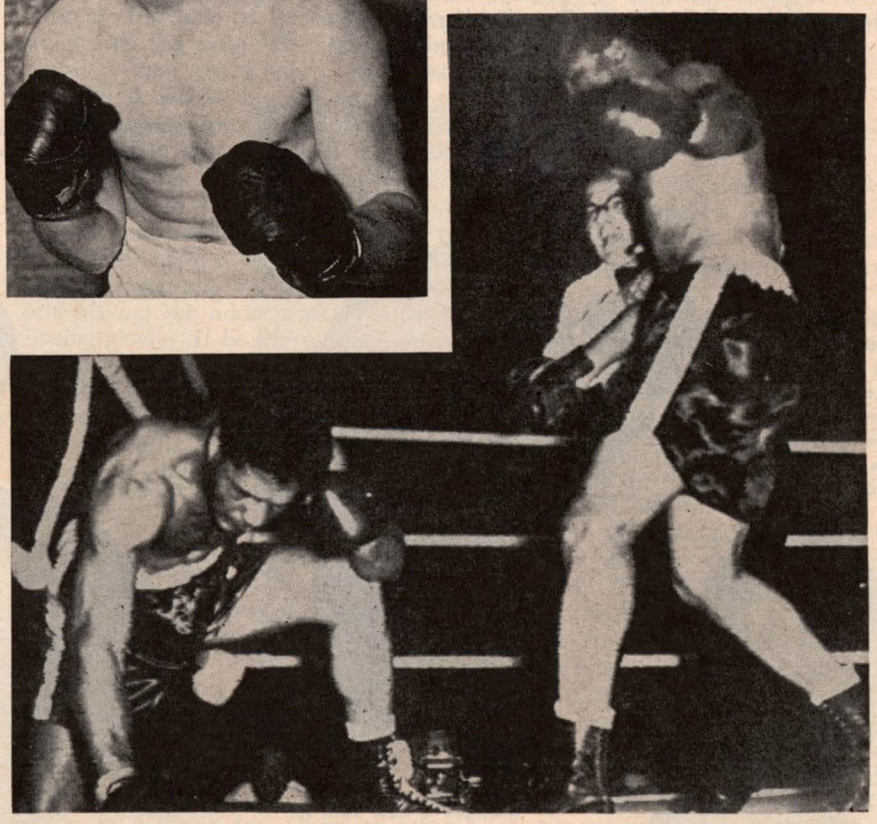


Young Paul Jorgensen, the Ring's number three featherweight contender who has learned his trade by constant action. Paul has had 11 main bouts this year.



World light heavyweight king Archie Moore stands over his fallen rival, Yolande Pompey in the tenth round of their London bout. Archie is another who believes in keeping busy to stay in condition. It is lucrative too!

NEW FACES

By FRED EISENSTADT

DANNY RUSSO

UNDEFEATED in four pro starts, 150-pound Danny Russo—born in Brooklyn on Dec. 24, 1937—already has acquired a surprisingly large (and loud) following. That's because his manager, former boxer Ettore Penn, has made Russo into a crowd-pleasing scrapper. With Pete Mello training the ambitious youth, Danny is improving with every battle.

The 5-foot-8 inch fisticuffer is one of five brothers. Under Ettore's patient guidance, Danny began to compete in the amateurs in 1955, winning 18 contests and capturing the Golden Gloves middleweight title that year. He turned pro the following year and is unbeaten in five bouts.

"Ever since I was a kid," informs Russo, *"I had a desire to fight. Not particularly to hurt anyone, just to defeat my opponents. But now I've learned that boxing is a serious business and that a fighter must try to win as quickly and simply as possibly. So I now try for kayoes."*

Danny attended High School in East New York, but left hooks interested him more than text book. So he devoted himself completely to boxing, and to eventually winning a title.

Russo's favorite food: chicken cacciatore.

ANGELO ALLEGUE

WHEN seen in action, those who understand the sport of *Sock & Block* immediately recognize middleweight Angelo Allegue as a "natural"—which, in fistic circles, is a highly complimentary statement. The 5-foot-7 inch lad, who tips the beam at 154 pounds, has entered the ring four times as a pro—winning all four fights in thrilling fashion.

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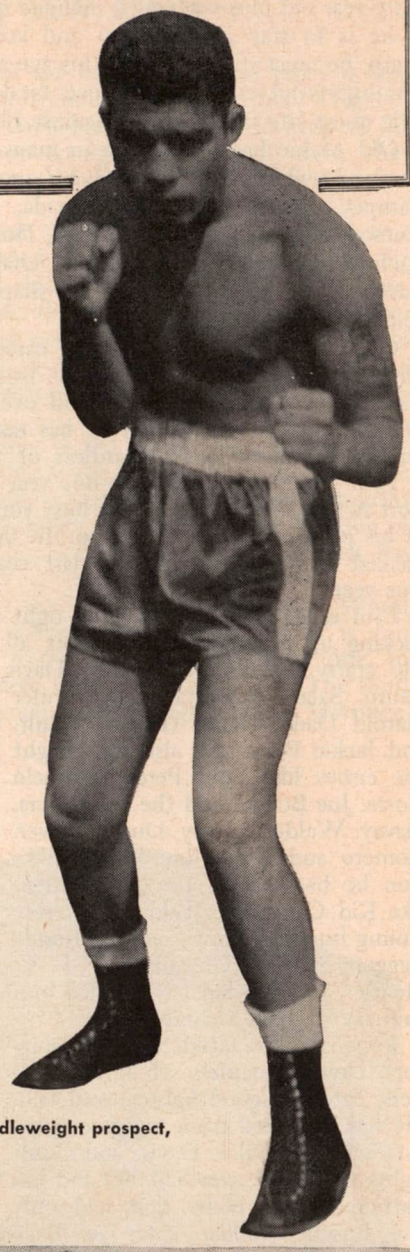
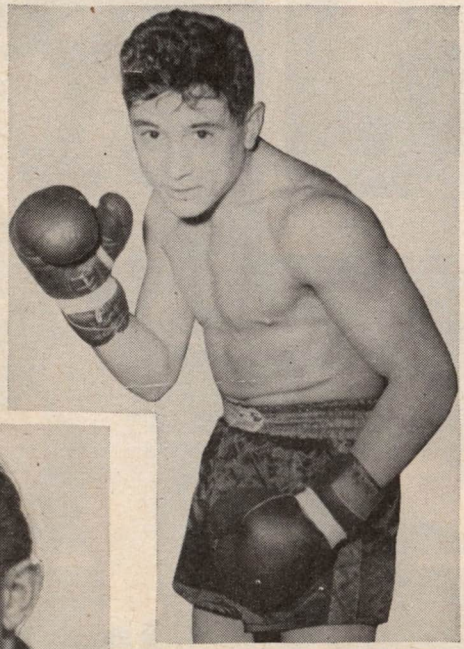
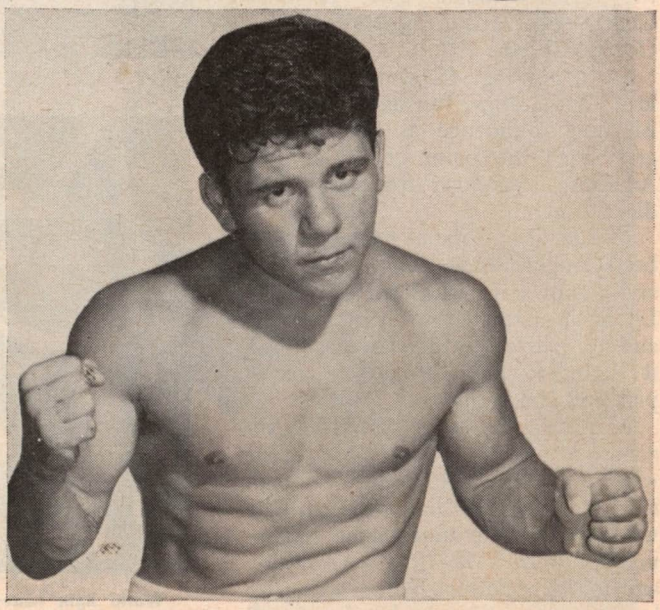


Danny Russo, Brooklyn middleweight prospect, who is a hard puncher.



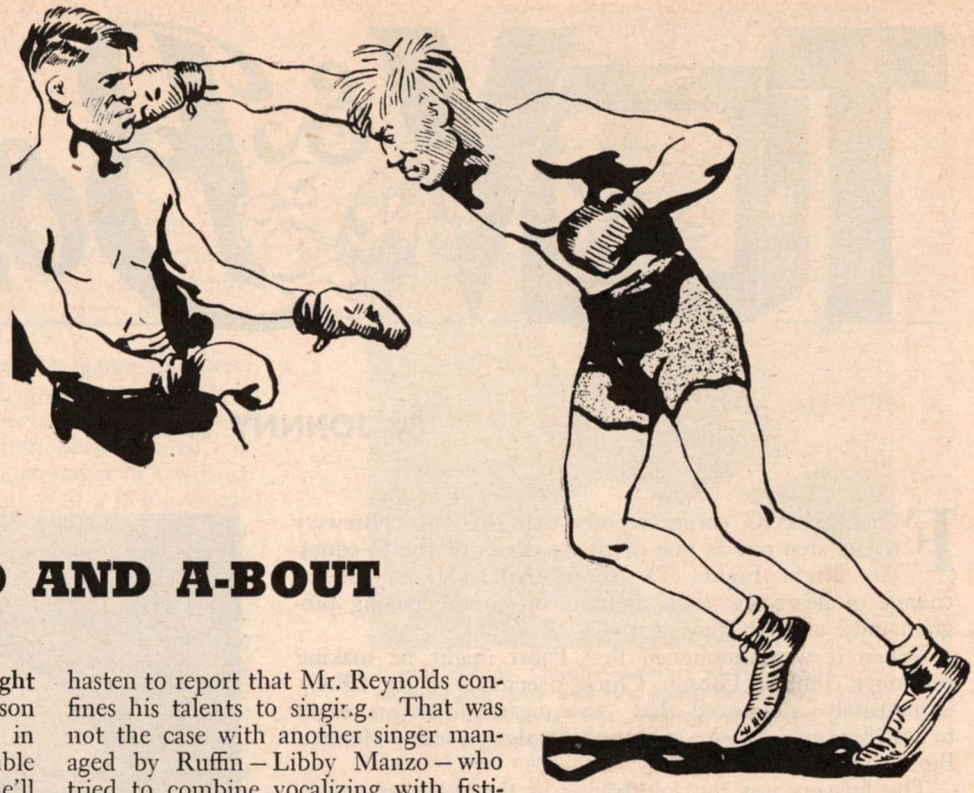
Pete Schmidt, is a welterweight born and brought up in Saltzburg, Germany, who has been pleasing U. S. fans with his whirlwind action.

From New York City's East Side there has emerged a new face in Angelo Allegue a middleweight tabbed as a "natural."



Slam-bang, crowd pleasing recent entrant into boxing Nickie Dalleva, Long Island middleweight, has won four straight since turning pro.

By BOB ALLEN



A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

WIN or lose in his middleweight title bout with Ray Robinson at Madison Square Garden in December, Gene Fullmer will be able to claim one unique distinction—he'll be the first native-born son of the great State of Utah ever to box for a world championship.

While we're on the subject of Robinson-Fullmer, it might be interesting to note that Sugar Ray made his first professional appearance in the Garden ring way back in 1940. The date was October 4 and Ray scored a two-round kayo over Joe Echeverria. His next Garden start was on December 12, 1940 and Robinson halted Oliver White in three. December 12 also happens to be the date for his forthcoming title defense against Fullmer.

And still on the subject of Robinson, the names of only three boxers currently active come to mind as having been campaigning as long ago as 1940. They are Archie Moore, Willie Pep and Ezzard Charles—if one can call what Charles is doing *"being active."* We thought perhaps Joey Maxim was around then but a glance at Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book discloses that Joey didn't get going professionally until 1941. It just seems longer ago than that.

The papers recently carried two adjoining items, one from Philadelphia to the effect that Choo Choo Benson had won a decision over Jackie LaBua; the other from Worcester, Mass., that Choo Choo Jenkins had lost to Don Williams. It was obvious that Choo Choo Benson was travelling in the right direction and just as obvious that the other Choo Choo was on the wrong track.

Bobby Ruffin, who was an able lightweight in the New York area a dozen years ago, is now managing a new singing star named Tony Reynolds. We hasten to report that Mr. Reynolds confines his talents to singing. That was not the case with another singer managed by Ruffin—Libby Manzo—who tried to combine vocalizing with fisticuffs. The problem here was that Ruffin could never quite make up his mind whether to use Manzo's boxing ability as publicity for the lad's singing career or whether to use his vocal talent as an exploitation device for his ring career. Libby may still be singing but he's not fighting.

We are reminded of the time Johnny Paychek, a midwest heavyweight of the early '40's, was getting ready to box Joe Louis. Somebody thought it would be a good idea to have Paychek, something of an amateur violinist, perform on a radio show with his fiddle. After the *"recital,"* the announcer for the show called up a prominent violinist and asked him to comment. *"It was very good,"* said the artist, *"depending on whether Paychek was playing the fiddle with or without boxing gloves. If he was wearing gloves I think he was wonderful."*

When Jake Mintz, Pittsburgh manager, seized the ballots from the announcer after his Wilf Greaves had been beaten by Tiger Jones in Washington, D. C., he gave as his excuse: *"I was excited. What's the use of being in a business unless you can get excited about it?"* The D.C. Boxing Commission promptly fined Jake $100 which got him excited all over again. Jake is the kind of man who gets excited when you say *"hello"* to him and at $100 a clip he'd have to command the resources of Fort Knox to stay in business—any business.

We regard as commendable the decision by Carl (Bobo) Olson to retire permanently in advance of his first comeback fight. Most retired boxers, having decided to try a comeback and having gone through a tough training grind, would have insisted on at least two or three fights before calling it quits for good if they realized they no longer had what it takes. Olson, on the other hand, cancelled his first scheduled comeback contest because he discovered in training that his reflexes were no longer sharp. The former world middleweight champion left his comeback in the gym—where it belonged.

No opinion will be expressed here concerning the disagreement between Rocky Marciano and his former manager Al Weill—as revealed by Rocky in a magazine series. We fail to see, however, what value can be served by washing this particular dirty linen in public.

We liked a line we read in the papers the other day and attributed to a boxer who had just been awarded a decision which the customers evidently didn't like because they booed lustily. In the dressing-room immediately after the fight the boxer heard a newspaperman describe the decision as atrocious. Up from his dressing-table jumped the boxer, pointed his finger at the scribe and said: *"It may have been atrocious but it was unanimous."*

Paul Andrews, Buffalo light-heavyweight who quit the ring for a year because of brittle hands, is now ready to resume campaigning after working for several months on the New York docks. The job helped to toughen his hands and it must also have increased his appetite because Andrews is no longer a light-heavyweight. He scales over 190 and will compete as a heavyweight from now on.

TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

FOLLOWING earlier reports that the Pabst Brewery would step out as one of the sponsors of the Wednesday Night Fights TV show (ABC-TV), a sudden change of heart saw them holding on to the boxing program until at least May of 1957.

When it was announced that Pabst might be making the move, Truman Gibson, Chicago secretary of the I.B.C., immediately announced that "two cigaret firms are eager to take over" the co-sponsorship along with Mennen Products.

The brewery was the sole backer of the midweek traveling fight show on TV and radio for the better part of seven years until they relinquished part of their sponsorship to Mennen last year. Mennen is reported, by the I.B.C., to be very happy with the fights and that the company is interested in rewriting the present contract which will end May 1, 1957, for a longer term, possibly for 17 months which would carry them into June 1958.

The beer company's original desire to move out of the scene was based wholly on their wanting a "change of pace," according to Gibson. Recently they had sent out announcements to distributors indicating its preference for "other" forms of advertising in the near future.

The Wednesday package represents a weekly expenditure of $18,500, with leaps higher when a title is involved.

The Friday night I.B.C. sponsor, Gillette, outranks Pabst in longevity. They had been on with the fights continuously since commercial TV took hold in 1947, and have aired the fights on radio since 1941. The Gillette contract calls for $24,500 per fight. Their contract runs until the end of next June and Gibson said he has every reason to believe they'll continue after that.

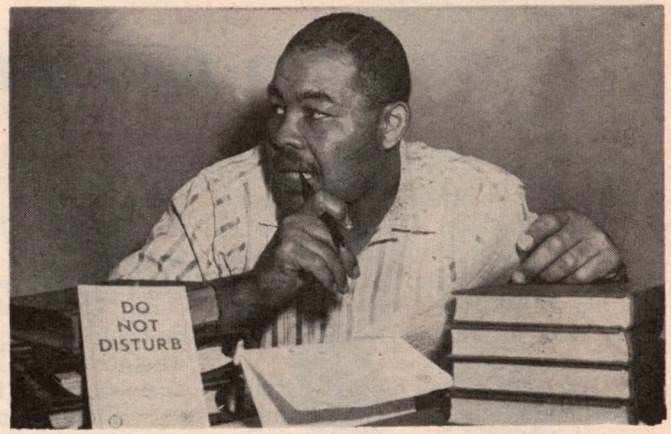
What prompted the reverse of field by Pabst, it is said, was a survey proving that it was getting wide public response from its weekly national TV fight shows. To date, we have not learned exactly which survey it was or the details of it.

Probably more important, what spurred Pabst on to retain their hold on the fight program was the realization that it couldn't replace boxing as an advertising medium at the comparatively low price and the quickness with which other companies sought to take over.

The Wednesday night fights, which recently went over the 300 performance mark in bouts presented, reached out into the Pacific Northwest for the first time on October 24, when it brought a heavyweight match from Portland, Ore., featuring Eddie Machen against Johnny Holman. It also added another new city recently when the Isaac Logart-Indian Ortega fight was videod from Boston.

A VERY TAXING PROBLEM

Joe Louis during his ring career earned over four million dollars, despite the fact that he was all but finished in the lucrative TV era. However, the former world heavyweight champion is cashing in on the new medium, having competed on one of the many television giveaway shows, "High Finance."



Joe Louis, former world heavyweight champion, recently appeared on the TV quiz show, "High Finance," a subject he is well acquainted with. Here he is boning on some taxing problems.

The big jackpot in Joe's case was $75,000—no mean sum—but still little potatoes to the big man. Louis came out of his four million dollar career owing the government $1,300,000 in taxes, including interest, which is continually jacking up the amount. It is estimated that in order to wipe out the debt, Joe would need an income of eleven million (count them) dollars in a single (yes, one) year.

Plateaus, heck. As Mushky Jackson would say, "That's like trying to scale Mount Everlast."

As a result of his appearance on this quiz show, Louis seems to have stumbled onto something worthwhile and his wife, Rose, who appeared with him, is all for it.

"Since we have appeared on 'High Finance' two very interesting TV offers have been made to us," says Mrs. Louis, known in the beauty salon business as Rose Morgan. "They're both Mr. and Mrs. shows and I like the idea for two very important reasons. First, it would keep Joe from wrestling, which I deplore. Second, it would permit us to be together. As it is, Joe goes traipsing around the country on business matters."

Mrs. Louis admits that Joe isn't the most articulate of men. "But," she says, "he's improving all the time, I've noticed a big change since the beginning of this quiz show. He's getting more experience, and he's a lot more sure of himself."

Be that as it may, Joe said he felt a great sense of relief when it was all over because the requirements of the game had him reading three daily newspapers all the way through. Heretofore, Joe's reading habits extended to the sports pages and the funnies.

Every cent of what they earned on the program goes to the Internal Revenue Bureau against the tax debt. "I won't even get a new dress out of the deal," says Mrs. Louis.

Joe's comment? "What money?"

REQUIEM FOR A HEAVYWEIGHT

One of the finest plays about the fight game to be seen in years was presented recently by "Playhouse 90" on CBS-TV. Rod Serling, one of TV's foremost dramatists, was fortunate in having his work brilliantly directed by Ralph Nelson and acted by a cast which had no business being elsewhere but on stage that night. They were meant for their parts.

While the play cast little credit on the game, it nevertheless was honest and forthright and must have come as a shocker to some. That plays and motion pictures have shown the seamier side of the game has often been derided. As long as the writer sticks to his facts, knows what he's writing about and doesn't try to present a picture of a living jungle of animals we can't fault him. There is good and bad in the game. Done right, there isn't any reason why a play of this sort shouldn't be applauded.

Mr. Serling obviously knew what he was writing about. The play pulled no punches, realism relentlessly stalking through the one and a half hour program, showing the utter heartlessness of the commercialized fight game in this particular instance, a story that could have very well happened and been true to life.

Jack Palance, a talented actor who had a short whirl at the professional fight game, gave a fine and believable performance as Harlan "Mountain" McClintock, a washed-up heavyweight who had almost been there and then walked the long, bitter road back. Keenan Wynn, as the ruthless though loyal manager who finally subjects his has-been to the buffoonery of clown wrestling, gave a vivid performance, as telling as did his father, Ed Wynn, who turned from comedy to a serious role for the first time and lit up the screen brilliantly as "Army," an old-time fighter turned trainer. He was warm, tragic and believable.

Oh yes, Max Baer, former heavyweight champion, and Maxie Rosenbloom, one-time light heavyweight king, appeared briefly. As actors—well, what do you want? Jack Palance is a great actor but he was no great shakes as a fighter.

HABLO ESPANOL?

Beginning on Thursday, October 11, and operating for a period of thirteen weeks, a series of sponsored amateur bouts will be seen from St. Nicholas Arena, New York, over Channel 13. A brewery bought the time and will operate with Spanish fighters and a Spanish announcer with a one hour program, from 9 PM to 10 PM.

Truman Gibson, Chicago secretary of the I. B. C., announced that there were two cigaret firms ready to take over the spot Pabst was vacating as sponsor of the Wednesday Night TV fight shows. The brewery quickly changed their mind.

CHANNEL HOPPING . . . TV-radio rights for the Ray Robinson-Gene Fullmer world middleweight fight went for $100,000 . . . while the heavyweight title bout between Archie Moore and Floyd Patterson, scheduled for November 30, is up, up, up around $200,000 and possibly much higher.

The Chicago area and surrounding big cities will be blacked out for the Moore-Patterson tilt, and the New York area will be dark for Robinson-Fullmer in the Garden.

Truman Gibson of the I.B.C. lauded the stand of the Illinois State Athletic Commission against TV boxing from a studio on the grounds that it would present only one or two bouts, thereby killing off preliminary bouts where fighters can be developed.

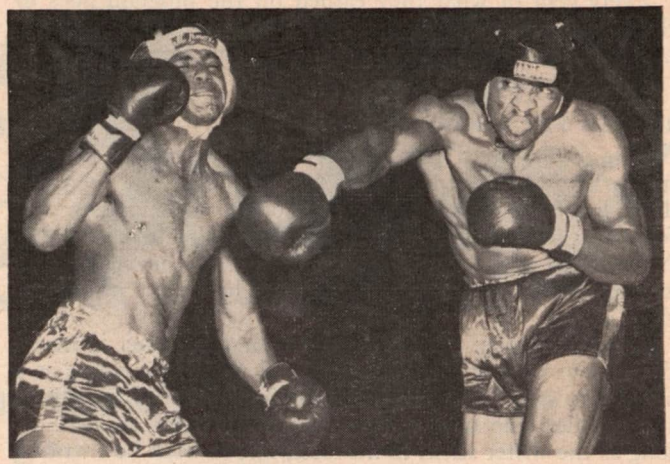
WEEKLY TV BOXING SCHEDULE

CLUB	CITY	STATION	ANNOUNCER
	MONDAY		
ST. NICHOLAS ARENA	NEW YORK	DUMONT TV NETWORK	CHRIS SCHENKEL
	WEDNESDAY		
*WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	ABC-TV NETWORK	JACK DREES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XH-TV	JULIO SOTELO
	THURSDAY		
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM	LOS ANGELES	KTLA-TV	GARRY GOODWIN
CAMBRIA A. C.	PHILADELPHIA	WPFH-TV	DEL PARKS
	FRIDAY		
‡CAVALCADE OF SPORTS	NEW YORK and OTHER CITIES	NBC-TV NETWORK	JIMMY POWERS
	SATURDAY		
LEGION STADIUM	HOLLYWOOD	KHJ-TV	BOB KELLEY and JIM HEALEY
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XEW-TV	PACO MALGESTO and ANTONIO ANDERE

‡ Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Don Dunphy and Win Elliot, announcers.
* Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Steve Ellis, announcer.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

By "G.I." JOE SMITH



A Small Punch. Alonzo Small (right), Ft. Eustis, bombs Ray Anderson, Ft. Knox, with a terrific right cross on way to scoring one round kayo in finals of heavyweight class in Second Army Boxing Championships.

Terry Downes, Quantico Marine, won the welterweight title of the All Marine Corps championships and was chosen as the outstanding boxer of the tournament.

1956 Third Army Boxing Team. 1st row (L. to R.) Paul Strothers (Bragg), Leon Upshur (Bragg), Art Bessick (Benning), Jerry Armstrong (Bragg), Leon Banks (Benning) and Sgt. Regis Blair (Benning trainer). 2nd row (L. to R.) Capt. James J. Boyle, officer in charge (Bragg), Pete Rademacher (Benning), Jim Boyd (Benning), Gerthie Patrick (Benning), Natt Whitt (Benning), Howard Moore (Bragg), SFC Joe Van Wagner (Benning coach) and Gunner Lowenstein (Bragg coach).

FOUR defending champions successfully retained their crowns in the finals of the 1956 All-Marines Boxing Tournament held at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Following the ten three-round bouts, the ten 1956 All-Marine champions and the ten runners-up received individual trophy awards presented by Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Earnshaw, Deputy Commander of the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune.

Camp Lejeune, with four champions and four runners-up, claimed the unofficial team title. Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, also with four titlists, placed second.

The Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., and the Supply Depot at San Francisco, Calif., had one champion each. Camp Pendleton had four runners-up, and Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, one.

Representing MCS, Quantico, Phil Ortiz scored a unanimous decision over Ron DeCost of Camp Lejeune in the flyweight opener.

Ortiz's other titles include the 1953-54-55 All-Marine flyweight crowns, and the 1954-55 Inter-Service title.

Bantamweight champion of 1955, Basil Blackson, won an unpopular split decision over team-mate Carleton Jones.

Jackie Lennon of Camp Lejeune, the All-Marine featherweight champion of 1955, successfully defended his crown against Vern Snyder of Camp Pendleton, Calif.

San Diego's Luis Molina became the new lightweight champion with a win over Jay J. Readon of Camp Lejeune.

Randy Horne of Quantico, Va., retained his light-welterweight crown by taking a split decision over Bob Powell of Camp Lejeune.

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Roosevelt Charles of Camp Lejeune became the new light middleweight champion, winning a unanimous decision over Lucio Garza of Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Eugene Wright of Lejeune won the 165 pound title by taking a split decision over Ernest Staples of Camp Pendleton. The new middleweight champion scored with a series of short overhand rights to the head of Staples.

In the semi-final of the evening, Foster Bonner of Quantico, Va., won a unanimous verdict over Eugene Ross of Camp Pendleton, in a slow match.

Jesse Barber, the lone representative of San Francisco, Calif., added another title to his collection by winning a split decision over Elwood Myers of Quantico. Barber, a 189 pound heavyweight, was 1953's middleweight champion, the 1954 light heavyweight champ and the 1955 heavyweight titlist, in the All-Marine tourneys.

The ten champions of the 1956 All-Marine Tournament will represent the Marine Corps in the Inter-Service matches

All-Marine Champions. 1st row (L. to R.) Sgt. Phil Ortiz, Quantico flyweight; Pfc. Basil Blackson, Camp Lejeune bantamweight; Cpl. Jackie Lennon, Camp Lejeune featherweight; Pfc. Luis Molina, Camp Pendleton lightweight. Back row (L. to R.) Cpl. Randy Horne, Quantico light welterweight; Pfc. Terry Downes, Quantico welterweight; Pfc. Roosevelt Charles, Camp Lejeune light middleweight; Sgt. Eugene Wright, Camp Lejeune middleweight; Sgt. Foster Bonner, Quantico light heavyweight; and Sgt. Jesse Barber, Supply Depot, San Francisco, heavyweight.

and also will participate in the 1956 Olympic trials to be held in San Francisco, Calif.

Handling the All-Marine boxers in the Inter-Service event will be coaches; CWO "Pete" Benson, (Lejeune manager) MSgt. Freddie Lenn, (Hawaii manager) and trainer SSgt. Frank Baracao (Quantico).

THE BIG WHEELS

Ft. Eustis wins 2nd Army Boxing Crown . . . winning four individual crowns, the Fort Eustis Wheels rolled to its second straight Second Army Championship team title during the two-day tourney at Fort Myer.

These winners will represent the Second Army in the All-Army Boxing Championship at Fort Myer.

112 lb. James Williams, (Fort Eustis) only entry.

119 lb. Georgie Davis, (Fort Meade) only entry.

132 lb. Sammy Rollins (Fort Lee) decisioned Paul Overstreet, (Eustis).

139 lb. Bernard Manzanares, (Fort Belvoir) decisioned William Howard, (Fort Knox).

147 lb. Freddie Taylor, (Eustis) decisioned Will Littlejohn, (Meade).

156 lb. Jack Franklin, (Knox) decisioned Tom Hill, (Meade).

165 lb. Jose Torres, (Meade) decisioned Floyd Tems, (Knox).

178 lb. Franklin Lee, (Pennsylvania Military District) won a default from Ken Jackson, (Knox).

Heavy. Alonzo Small, (Eustis) TKO'd Ray Anderson, (Knox) in 2:49 of the 1st round.

Final team scores are: Ft. Eustis, 26; Ft. Meade, 20; Ft. Knox, 15; Ft. Lee, 8; Ft. Belvoir, 6; Military District of Pennsylvania, 5; and Ft. Myer, 1.

Ft. Myer, Va. Light-heavyweight Jimmy Boyd, 1955 All-Army and Inter-service titlist, dropped Tommy Nelson, 5th Army, for an 8 count in the second round then went on to decision his foe enabling his squad to win the Pace Trophy, emblematic of the team championship, in the finals of the World-Wide All-Army Boxing Tourney held here, before 3000 enthusiastic fans.

Boyd's victory broke a 17-all tie with USAREUR in team scoring.

Third Army accounted for another victory in the final bout of the tournament during a sensational battle between heavyweights Johnny Johnson, USAREUR and Tom Rademacher, 3rd Army. The latter, ahead during the first two rounds, was hit with a terrific left hook to the groin and collapsed. Referee Eddie Lafond awarded the fight to Rademacher on the foul as he lay writhing on the canvas.

In the flyweight opener of the evening, Pacific's Francis Okuda easily outpointed 3rd Armys Lin Poindexder.

In the next bout, Pacific's Lionel Rivera scored his third straight tourney knockout by blasting 3rd Army's Jerry Armstrong to the canvas in two minutes fifty-nine seconds of the second round. Just before putting Armstrong on ice, Rivera flattened him for a 8 count. In a real toe-to-toe rockem-sockem bout in the featherweight division, 3rd

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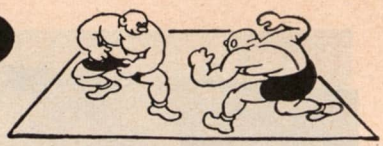
THE MAT WORLD



By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT

WORD from Mark Tendler, up and coming youngster, who recently entered the armed forces. Tendler is the assistant to Frankie Clay, the boxing coach, at Fort Dix. Clay will be remembered as a sparring partner for Joe Louis, ex heavyweight champ of the world. Tendler has achieved the grade of Specialist Third Class and writes that he enjoys army life. He has been giving wrestling exhibitions for the boys at camp in addition to his other endeavors.

The Brunetti Brothers, Joe and Guy, beat the German tag team of Karl von Schober and Fritz von Erich to win the open tag team championship of Canada.

Charlotte, North Carolina has a new wrestling arena rated as one of the best in the South. . . . Buddy Rogers is now campaigning in Texas (he won Texas heavyweight title in June) . . . . his Fan Club is one of the largest in the U. S.

The Wrestling Fan Clubs United, an organization "for the betterment of wrestling, the closer relationship of clubs in combating adverse publicity, retaining live television matches . . . and any other matters or problems for which a nation wide group is fitted . . ." voted its charter into effect at Cincinnati late this past summer and have been gaining strength with each passing day. President Betty Rable and her organization are a boon to the mat game and will help to bring more attention to the sport and so build it up to greater popularity.

Recent report by this corner that Danny Nardico, former highly rated boxer, had turned to the groan and grunters has brought a letter from Mr. Eddie Lewis of Minneapolis, Minn., to the effect that Danny has not turned to the wrestling biz and will be boxing again after the first of year. Mr. Lewis seems to feel that someone has been using Nardico's name. . . . could be?

Yours truly has been made an honorary member of the Wrestler's Sportsman's Club located in Holyoke, Mass. It is an honor to become part of the club started by Tom Mortimer and nine other wrestlers about eight years ago. The original members consisted of Jack Marshal, Tiger Tasker, Frank James, Rocky Baron, Jim Mitchell, Chuck Montana, Les Ruffens, Bob Russell and Tiny Mills. . . . The Club is set up for the purpose of helping any State with their education and public relations side of conservation as pertains to hunting and fishing. . . . of course the club does attempt to publicize the many exploits of the active wrestling fraternity in addition to its rod and gun campaign.

George Becker (left) and Jack Witzig shown with the trophy they received for winning the Southern States Tag Team championship.

Don Gerwig of Cleveland, Ohio has become a top star on TV. . . . a personable lad he has a good word for everyone . . . he toes in at about 218, stands six foot one inch. . . . has blue eyes and brown hair.

Whipper Watson, NWA champ, who has left a trail of broken bones on the mat . . . his own . . . is an ardent fishing fan . . . he participates in better than a hundred wrestling matches a year. The Canadian broke into the headlines back in 1946 when he won the British Empire title from Yvon Robert. As rugged as Watson is in the ring his softer side shows itself when he changes to his civies. . . . he's keenly interested in all problems facing today's youngsters and does everything he can to help combat juvenile delinquency.

George Becker and Jack Witzig won the Southern Tag Team crown by defeating the team of Jim Austeri and Tiny Mills. . . . Dave Jons, popular wrestler whom The Ring had an article on some time back has injured the retina in his eye and doctors say he should retire. . . . he is married to Judy Glover, gal wrestler who is well known on her own. . . . Gene Gordon sends word that Buck Weaver of Terre Haute, Indiana, passed away from an infection which set in on an old nose injury. . . . the former junior heavyweight champ was very popular in the Northwestern U. S.

FANS WRESTLER'S POLL

MEN

1: Whipper Watson
2: Pat O'Connor
3: Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers
4: Antonio Rocca
5: Verne Gagne
6: Lou Thesz
7: Enrique Torres
8: Rocky Valentine
9: Big Bill Miller
10: Mark Tendler

WOMEN

1: June Byers (Champ)
2: Carol Cook
3: Mary Jane Mull
4: The Fabulous Moolah (Champ-Maryland Version)

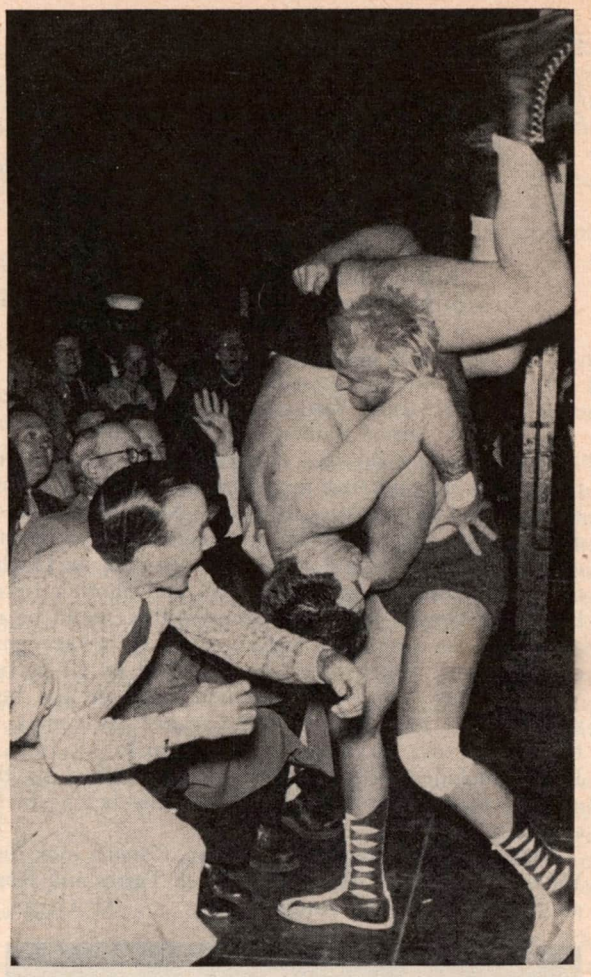
Betsy Ross, a charmer inside and outside the ring, reading her favorite sports magazine The Ring. (Photo by Bob Utter)

Whipper Watson, Toronto Canada, NWA world champion, returning home from a tour of the U. S. Whipper has had more broken bones and injuries than any other wrestler in active competition.

Left to right: June Byers, Carol Holmes who is president of the International June Byers Fan Club, and Sam Menacker, June's Manager.

Al Dermer, who for fifteen years has been bringing to Fresno, California mat fans the tops in mat entertainment.

Brisbane, Australia grappling fans get close up view of American musclemen. Jerry Graham thrilled the fans and attempted to Chill Don Beitelman as he dumps him on laps of ringsiders. Graham won match two falls to one.



Bobby Ford with his wife Lonnie who make their home at Youngstown, Ohio. Ford is a colorful and popular wrestler who is active in southern rings. (Photo by Gardina)

5: Terry Majors
6: Penny Banner
7: Dot Dotson
8: Shirley Stremple
9: Ada Ash
10: Mildred Burke

FAN CLUB CORNER

Ronnie Etchison Fan Club. President, Jimmy Prince, 126 Tunnel Ave., San Francisco 24, California.

Dick Steinborn Fan Club. President, Betty Minnix, 118 Elm Ave., S.W. Roanoke, Virginia.

George Becker and Jack Witzig Fan Club. President, Cole Waddell, 620 N. Catawba St., Lancaster, S. C.

Ray Stevens Fan Club. President, Jean Schulte, 3726 Carlton Ave., Cincinnati 27, Ohio.

Jim Hady Fan Club. President, Margaret Beechler, 803 Farlow St., Springfield, Ohio.

Whipper Watson Fan Club. (NWA champ). Co-Presidents, Miss Evelyn Davies, 41 West 1st St., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, or Miss Betty Ward, 38 Brightswood St., Downsview, Ontario, Canada.

Farmer Don Marlin Fan Club. President, Helen Comeau, 941 Clay St., Niles, Michigan.

Tommy Clark Fan Club. President, Marguret Hall, 1128 E. Main St., Columbus, Ohio.

THE PACIFIC COAST BY ED BRIGGS

Like all reporters we like to report good news. And the lead story this issue is good news to the many, many friends of Joe Malcewicz, veteran wrestling star and at present the top promoter and booker on the west coast. Joe has been laid up in San Francisco following a sudden illness which confined the popular wrestling expert to the hospital. He is now feeling much better. The wrestling world has been in Joe's corner since his illness and we're pulling for him to once again get behind the reins at his San Francisco office. As we reported earlier, Frank Malcewicz, his brother, has been running the booking office and acting as matchmaker at the San Francisco Gardens where wrestling is presented in San Francisco every Tuesday night. Well wishers may write Joe a *"get well"* letter at 406 Civic Auditorium, San Francisco 2, Calif.

"Big Bill" Miller and his brother Ed copped the World Tag Team Title from Bobo Brazil and Enrique Torres at San Francisco. The Miller brothers have been giving the Sharpe brothers a rough time insofar as being hated by the wrestling public. . . . My best wishes to the members of the Wrestling Fan Clubs United—World Wide. . . . Many thanks to Cole Wadell, President of the George Becker-Jack Witzig Fan Club for the honorary membership. . . . While on the subject of fan clubs, the Ronnie Etchison Fan Club is still going strong. The Etchison club is growing by leaps and bounds and is one of the most active clubs in the nation. . . . "Irish" Pat Fraley, the colorful neck twister expert from Hollywood, invaded the Fresno wrestling arena beating all opposition. This is Fraley's first Fresno campaign in many moons. Promoter Al Dermer is the man responsible for bringing the fast, but rough performer to the Raisin capitol where Fraley has the best record of any single performer. . . . Utah ace Roger MacKay has invaded the Los Angeles area along with Chief Kit Fox, Roy Shire, Ray McKnight and Yvon Oui-

met. . . . Wonder what has happened to the Great Scott? This colorful master is missed by coast mat bugs. . . . Here are the new Pacific Coast Ratings which will be a regular feature in this column every month.

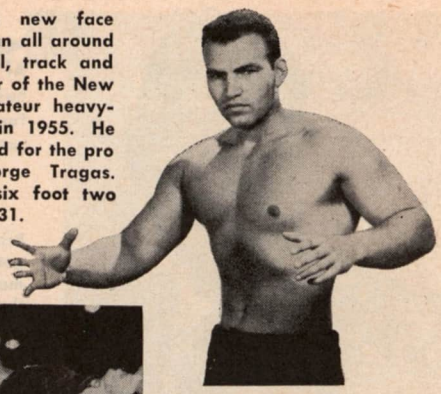
PACIFIC COAST HEAVYWEIGHT RATINGS

Champion: Enrique Torres, Sonora, Mexico

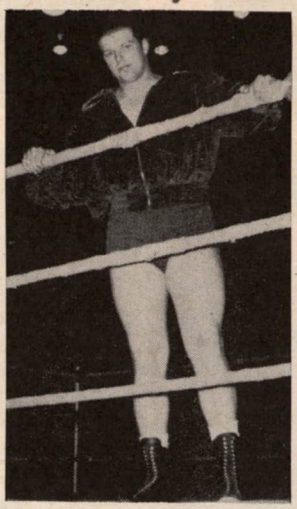
1. Ronnie Etchison, Santa Cruz, Calif.
2. Mike Sharpe, Hamilton, Canada
3. Rito Romero, Guadalajara, Mexico
4. Bill Miller, Ohio
5. Lord James Blears, Manchester, England
6. Pat Fraley, Hollywood, Calif.
7. Roy Shire, Ohio
8. Johnny Barend, Buffalo, N. Y.
9. Sandor Kovacs, New Haven, Conn.
10. Adrian Baillergeon, Canada

When reading this list of top wrestlers on the west coast, you must keep in mind that the active Pacific Coast champion, Torres, has confined his activities to the Joe Malcewicz northern California area. Besides the Malcewicz area, there are two wrestling booking offices in southern California—one operated by Hugh Nichols out of the Hollywood Legion Stadium, and another rumored handled by Jimmy Doyle. While a championship should be recognized up and down the west coast, unfortunately it isn't recognized in southern California. This should be corrected by all parties concerned. We recognize Torres as champion since he has been making a sincere effort to defend the title against all comers, and has held the title for over two years, winning it in Fresno from Mike Sharpe. I have included wrestlers that are not booked by the Malcewicz office (which books Torres) as they truly belong in this listing of challengers.

Mike and Ben Sharpe of Hamilton, Canada took the San Joaquin Valley Tag Team Title from Enrique Torres and Ronnie Etchison at Fresno Memorial Auditorium. . . . At Ocean Park, Calif., Sandor Szabo defeated Steve Stanlee while Lord Carlton drew with Rito Romero; Roy Shire took the wind out of Chief Kit Fox at Long Beach, Calif.



Carl Linich, a new face making good, an all around athlete, football, track and field and holder of the New York State amateur heavyweight crown in 1955. He has been trained for the pro ranks by George Tragas. Linich stands six foot two and weights 231.



Fritz Von Ulm, German born wrestler who has been living in the U. S. since 1929, turned pro in 1950. He is six foot 3 and weighs 250 pounds . . . has blond curly hair and blue eyes.

Wonder Boy Ronnie Etchison shows perfect form delivering dropkick to jaw of jaw of Juan Humberto, "The Argentine Choker." Juan came back to win the bout (Photo by Masura)

The Fabulous Moolah is in the money with her winning of the championship tournament in Baltimore, Maryland, that was sanctioned by that State's Wrestling Commission.

ANTONE LEONE, wild and rough New York mat star, has returned to southern California mat wars after a long absence. Leone, dubbed "*the ripper*" by fans and matmen alike is a colorful junior heavyweight who has seen action in rings throughout the world. . . . Easily described as the most popular wrestler to appear in Fresno (Calif.) is sensational Ronnie Etchison, former Heart of America Champion, Missouri State Champion, and Pacific Coast Heavyweight titleholder. Etchison, since making his west coast debut seven years ago, has gained a following of faithful admirers that any movie and sports personality would envy. The lad, an Army veteran of World War II, is one of the most capable young stars we have seen in years. A top box office attraction wherever he appears, Ron now makes his home near the Pacific Ocean at Santa Cruz, California near San Francisco. He wrestles on the coast under the Joe Malcewicz banner. . . . Ramon (Ray) Torres, young but clever brother of Enrique Torres, current Pacific Coast champ is doing well in Texas rings. Ramon recently toppled badman Len Hughes at Fort Worth's Coliseum . . . Terror king Tom Rice of San Francisco should be back from Hawaii and Japan by the time this goes to press. Rice was the former Masked Phantom of some few years ago until he was beaten by Charro Azteca in California . . . Word has it that "Brother" Frank Jares, the Mormon Blockbuster from Provo, Utah will be heading for the coast later this year. Frank has been wrestling in the south the past few years where he held the Southern Heavyweight crown . . . Bob Ford has come out of retirement. The

speedy Ohioan recently headlined a card at Denver's Mammoth Gardens for promoter Ted Cox . . . Probably the most avid wrestling fans in Fresno are a kind little lady "Mom" Bishop and this writer's father W. A. (Bill) Briggs . . . Sepia star Bobo Brazil, the flying hip lock kingpin, defeated Lord Blears at Hollywood Legion Stadium, drew with Lou Thesz at San Diego's Coliseum Arena, and beat The Great Togo at Los Angeles' Olympic . . . He teamed, altho unsuccessfully, with Johnny Barend to battle the world tag team titlists Mike and Ben Sharpe in an Al Dermer promotion at The Memorial Auditorium in Fresno . . . "Gentleman" Ed Francis, who as a wrestler is far from being one (Gentleman), made his California debut beating Joe Blanchard . . . Our old friend Abe "King Kong" Kashey who beat the pulp out of many top notchers 10 years back, is in the limelight once again, in the position of advisor to young "Tiny" Moore of Los Angeles. "Tiny" is a powerful lad who knows his wrestling well, and is to be reckoned with in a few years . . . The "Beat the Champ" champion is Sandor Szabo, 5 times world champion. The program "Beat the Champ" is presented every Wednesday night at L. A.'s Olympic. Any matman to beat Szabo will receive a $250 U. S. Defense Bond . . . Tokyo wrestling bugs got their copy of THE RING at Peter's Restaurant Building . . . Ex-Coast champion Hombre Montana', is showing his wares in the south . . . Richard Brown, the wrestling son of ex-AWA champion Orville Brown, is a big favorite in the midwestern states. Richard recently toppled veteran "Wild" Red Berry at Kansas City, Kansas, before 3,200 fans. . . . Juan Humberto, tricky Latin heavyweight from San Francisco is wrestling in northern California. . . . This writers mailing address is 4510 North Arthur, Fresno 5, California.

THE FABULOUS MOOLAH

THE name Moolah! stands out in the Wrestling World like a Diamond would in a bowl full of Rhinestones.

The Big Title Day was on September 18, 1956, in the greatest city Moolah has ever known—Baltimore, Maryland.

Before an outstanding crowd at the Baltimore Coliseum, the Maryland State Athletic Commission held a Tournament consisting of the Top Ten Girls in the Wrestling Game, including such great names as Mae Young, Carol Cook, Mary Jane Mull, Amazing Judy Grable, etc., for the Maryland version of the World's Championship Belt and Title.

After defeating two opponents in the same evening Moolah saw she had to take on one of the toughest opponents —the amazing Judy Grable for the title. In this match, the Fabulous Moolah used all the skills and holds she knew. After 10 minutes of rough and tough competition, the world of wrestling discovered they had a new champion.

The Fabulous Moolah, known at one time as "Slave Girl Moolah"—was the winner.

At this time, the chairman of the Maryland State Athletic Commission, Mr. J. Marshall Boone, presented the Fabulous Moolah with the $5,000 gold diamond studded world's championship belt and a large bunch of roses.

GEORGE O'MALLEY

A fan club has been activated for heavyweight wrestler George O'Malley of the city of brotherly love, Philadelphia. Heavyweight matman George O'Malley weighs 250 at a height of six feet and George is presently touring the New England States and is a sensation in the State of Maine. O'Malley won an elimination heavyweight tournament staged in the New England States. Fans and readers of "The Ring" wishing to contact George O'Malley or join his fan club may write Vince Salerno, the club's secretary, care of 132 Maple Avenue, Woodlynne, New Jersey.

George O'Malley is a huge carrot topped Irishman who was the fleet champion of the United States Navy at Pearl Harbor during the second world war. George enlisted in the Navy the very day Pearl Harbor was bombed, enlisting in his native Philadelphia and carried on the patriotic tradition of the wrestling game as most wrestlers answered the call to the colors when America was attacked by the Axis during the opening shots of the second World War.

George O'Malley wrestled in every port his battlewagon touched, Sydney, Australia, Suva, Fiji Islands, Pearl Harbor, Wellington, New Zealand, London, England, and Capetown. O'Malley's spar mate and team mate in wrestling is Louis "SUPERMAN" Super. Heavyweight title contender George O'Malley is handled by the famous mat impressario Jack Pfeffer.

FROM MILWAUKEE BY PINKY MITCHELL

"It was another sellout for the Fred Koehler-John Heim wrestling combine at the Milwaukee Auditorium, gross gate $13,954.00. There were 7,038 customers present (over a 1,000 were turned away). Verne Gagne battered Wilbur Snyder into submission after losing the first fall.

So far this year there have been 39 small and 9 large wrestling shows. During this period there were only a few boxing shows. In the good "old days" the figures for the sport were reversed.

This month wrestling had five small and one big show—for professional boxing none. There are three boxing promoters licensed to operate. The boxing commission is toying with the idea of a license for but one promoter. If three promoters cannot come up with a match how can we expect one promoter to dig one up.

INDIANAPOLIS HOLDS SHOW . . . By BOB UTTER

A near capacity crowd was on hand at the Indianapolis Armory recently to open Promoter Dick Patton's winter schedule.

Wilbur Snyder, American TV champion, won the second and third fall over Reggie Lisowski in a slam bang melee which saw the latter capture first fall honors in 18:23 with a knee stomp and a body press. Snyder won the second frame in 6:23 with a drop-kick and a body press and then came back to win the third fall in 5:45 with a body slam, a body press and a series of drop-kicks. Lisowski weighed 240; Snyder, 232.

An Australian tag match featuring four lovelies of the mat saw Ada Ash, 140, and Ramona TeSelle, 135, win over Raymonde Rousselot, 135, and Rose Roman, 134, in three action packed falls.

TeSelle, a fiery redhead from Chicago, Ill., won the first fall for her team when she defeated Raymonde Rousselot with a full Boston crab. Rose Roman, a gorgeous blonde from Des Moines, Ia., scored over Ada Ash to even the scrap.

SHORT ON ROSE ROMAN . . . BY BOB UTTER

Having appeared in over 1200 bouts in just a little over four years means that Rose Roman is a popular gal in the wrestling profession.

Popular in Miss Roman's case means two things. She knows plenty about the game and she is beautiful. Put them together and you have box office from A to Z.

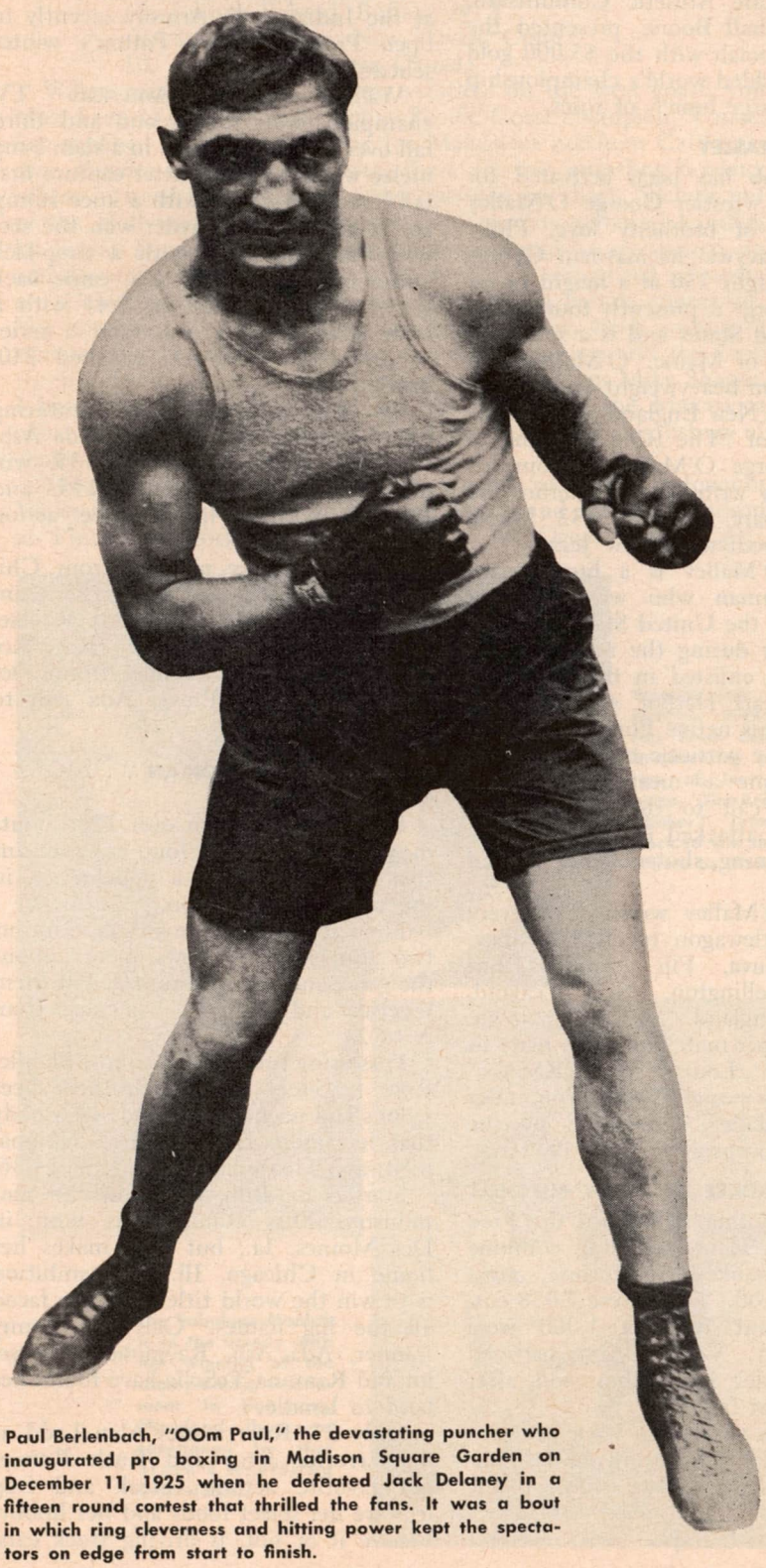
Possessing brown hair, almost blonde, Rose is 5-feet 5-inches in her sheer nylons and packs 135-pounds on a body that has more curves than a national highway. Measurements . . . 35-24-36.

Started by Billy Geolz in the mat industry, Miss Roman was born in Des Moines, Ia., but now makes her home in Chicago, Ill. Her ambition is to win the world title. She has faced all the big names. Gals like Penny Banner, Ada Ash, Raymonde Rousselot and Ramona TeSelle have found her hard to handle.

Only 25, Rose names Alan Ladd as her favorite actor and Ruth Roman her favorite actress. Steak and frog legs are her select foods and her hobby, believe it or not, is driving stock cars.

Fights I Cannot Forget

By NAT FLEISCHER



Paul Berlenbach, "OOm Paul," the devastating puncher who inaugurated pro boxing in Madison Square Garden on December 11, 1925 when he defeated Jack Delaney in a fifteen round contest that thrilled the fans. It was a bout in which ring cleverness and hitting power kept the spectators on edge from start to finish.

Another in an exclusive series in The Ring by writers who were actually at ringside of the Fights They Couldn't Forget.

FIGHTS one cannot forget are not always those in which the action is so intense that it keeps the spectators on edge from start to finish. Frequently amazing cleverness such as Tommy Loughran often displayed, or a combination of ring cleverness plus hitting power, such as was seen in the bout between Jack Delaney and Paul Berlenbach at Ebbets Field, hold the attention of the fight fans to such extent that they become implanted on the memory as indelible. Such was the third contest between Paul and Jack in which Delaney won the world light heavyweight title.

Ring history records many historic battles in which the opponents were frequently seen against each other as in the case of Benny Leonard and Johnny Dundee, Jack Britton and Ted Kid Lewis, Joe Lynch and Jack Sharkey, and listed in this category, is the famous series between Delaney and Oom Paul Berlenbach. Berlenbach had flashed across the fistic horizon like a meteor. Less than a year after making his fistic debut, he had become the current rage and a sure-fire sell-out at the old Garden any time he was billed to appear.

Delaney also had begun to attract attention and a match between him and Paul had become inevitable. They first met in the spring of 1924, when Delaney proved too hard and accurate a puncher for the crude, slugging Paul, and knocked him out in the fourth round.

Later, as Berlenbach improved and won the light heavyweight crown from Mike McTigue, a return match with Delaney became a natural and the two rivals were honored with the first main event staged by Tex Rickard in the New Garden on December 11, 1925. This time Berlenbach was returned the winner, gaining the decision in a bruising battle that lasted the full fifteen rounds.

RENEWED THEIR FEUD IN EBBETS FIELD

So bitter was the rivalry and so keen was the public to see the pair in action, that Humbert Fugazy, promoting at Ebbets Field, signed them to renew their feud, this time in a bout that was listed on an Italian Hospital Fund show. Aside from the fact that a sell out crowd had enabled the affair to roll up the then largest gate for a bout under the heavyweight class, $561,789; the science, ring generalship and powerful hitting that thrilled the huge gathering, enabled that fight to go down into the archives as one ever to be remembered.

In a smashing, flashing finish that swept his foe before him throughout the last five rounds, Delaney took the crown from Paul. The handsome challenger lifted the title with a victory that was as spectacular as it was decisive.

He carried off the unanimous verdict before a capacity gathering of 45,000 who hailed the new champion with an ovation after he had fought his way to the crown with as stirring, courageous and skillful a finish as any boxer had exhibited in years. It was Delaney's crowning achievement—a moment for which he had been waiting for two years during which time he was frequently referred to in the press as the "uncrowned king of his division."

Delaney's triumph was gained in his winning finish during which he displayed the sort of stamina and aggressiveness which is expected of a champion or a contender. It was a battle every minute of which held the spectators' attention—keenly fought, fast with sharp hitting power displayed by both and the victor displaying enough unexpected ruggedness to come through at the finish. The new champion turned the tables on his rival in a manner that upset the pre-battle predictions and he did it despite fracturing his left thumb in an early round.

"BRIGHT EYES" COLORFUL, ATTRACTED ATTENTION

Not many boxers succeed in capturing the fancy of the public as did Jack Delaney during the riotous '20s when the field was loaded with top talent. But never in his career did "Bright Eyes" as he was dubbed by the sports fraternity, thrill his admirers as he did in the Ebbets' field battle.

During his entire career he oozed personality, was a most likeable fellow both in and out of the ring and that's when the announcement was made that he had won the championship, almost in unison, the huge gathering, those who tried to root Berlenbach home and the supporters of the Bridgeport challenger stood and cheered madly. He had earned the applause, this student of boxing who believed in himself, had faith in his ability and carried that faith in his battle with Paul. Later it helped him when his life hung by a thread following a delicate brain operation.

In 1924, in the old Garden, Pop 'Em Paul was popped over three times in a soul-stirring, wild, sensational battle and was halted in the fourth round. That was a contest in which brawn was pitted against brain—the bludgeon against the rapier—a hectic mill in which Referee Jack O'Sullivan, after Berlenbach had been downed several times, called a halt.

INAUGURATED BOXING IN NEW GARDEN

Then came the contest that opened fistic warfare in the new Garden, the present Eighth Avenue arena and in that, Delaney, battling against odds due to an injured foot, lost to Berlenbach, who at the time was defending champion. They had two more clashes—both Delaney victories, the first of which was the one at Ebbets Field.

In that Delaney reversed the order of their previous meeting by carrying the fight to Paul most of the way. Delaney's hardest wallops failed to put Berlenbach off his feet this time, but in the final few rounds on three occasions, Jack rocked his man and had him a bit groggy. One of Delaney's smashes in the eleventh crashed into the stomach with such force it made Paul wince and his legs shook. It seemed he would be downed, but he quickly got into a clinch and saved himself.

We all thought that it was that blow to the pit of the stomach that cost Paul the fight. He didn't show to the same advantage in the remaining rounds.

In the fourteenth, with Paul rushing forward shortly after the bell sounded, Delaney stepped to one side, cocked his right and as Paul approached, Jack let go. The blow landed with a thud against Berlenbach's jaw and jarred him. He sagged at the knees for a moment, then grabbed the ropes and when Delaney came forward, Paul fell into another clinch to save himself while the crowd yelled madly for Delaney to score a knockout.

The main thrill of the battle was concentrated in those last five rounds, frames I shall never forget. Persistent rushes, scintillating exhibitions of ring cleverness, powerful clouting, the swapping of punches—they all accounted for the thrills that cannot be forgotten.

Prior to the start of that drive to victory, Delaney on my score card had dropped four of the previous five rounds and looked like a sure loser. But from the eleventh on, he took on a new lease of life, was a picture of aggressiveness, kept rushing in with driving blows that

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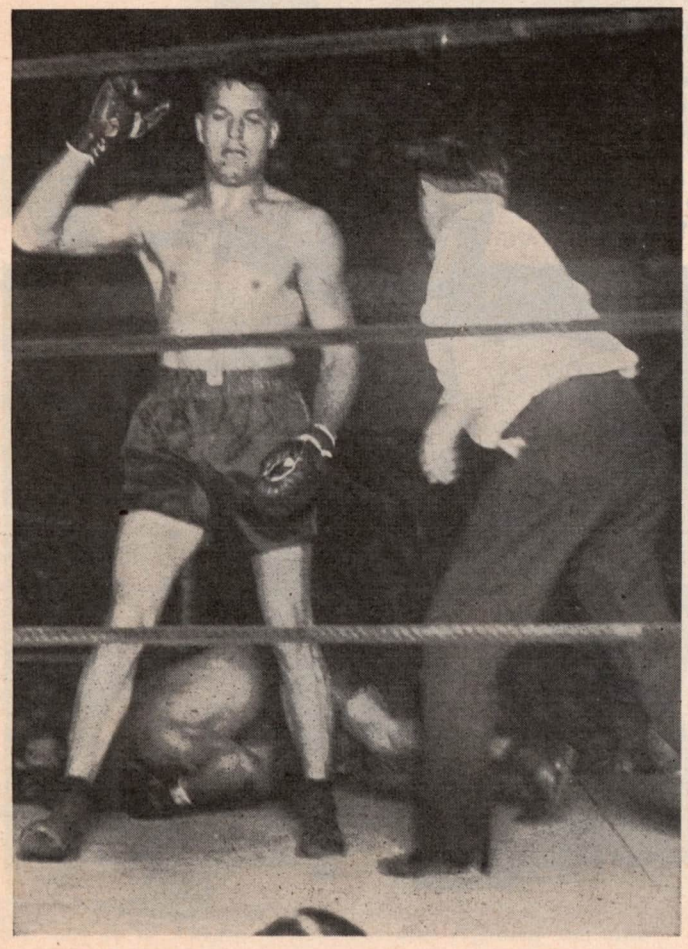
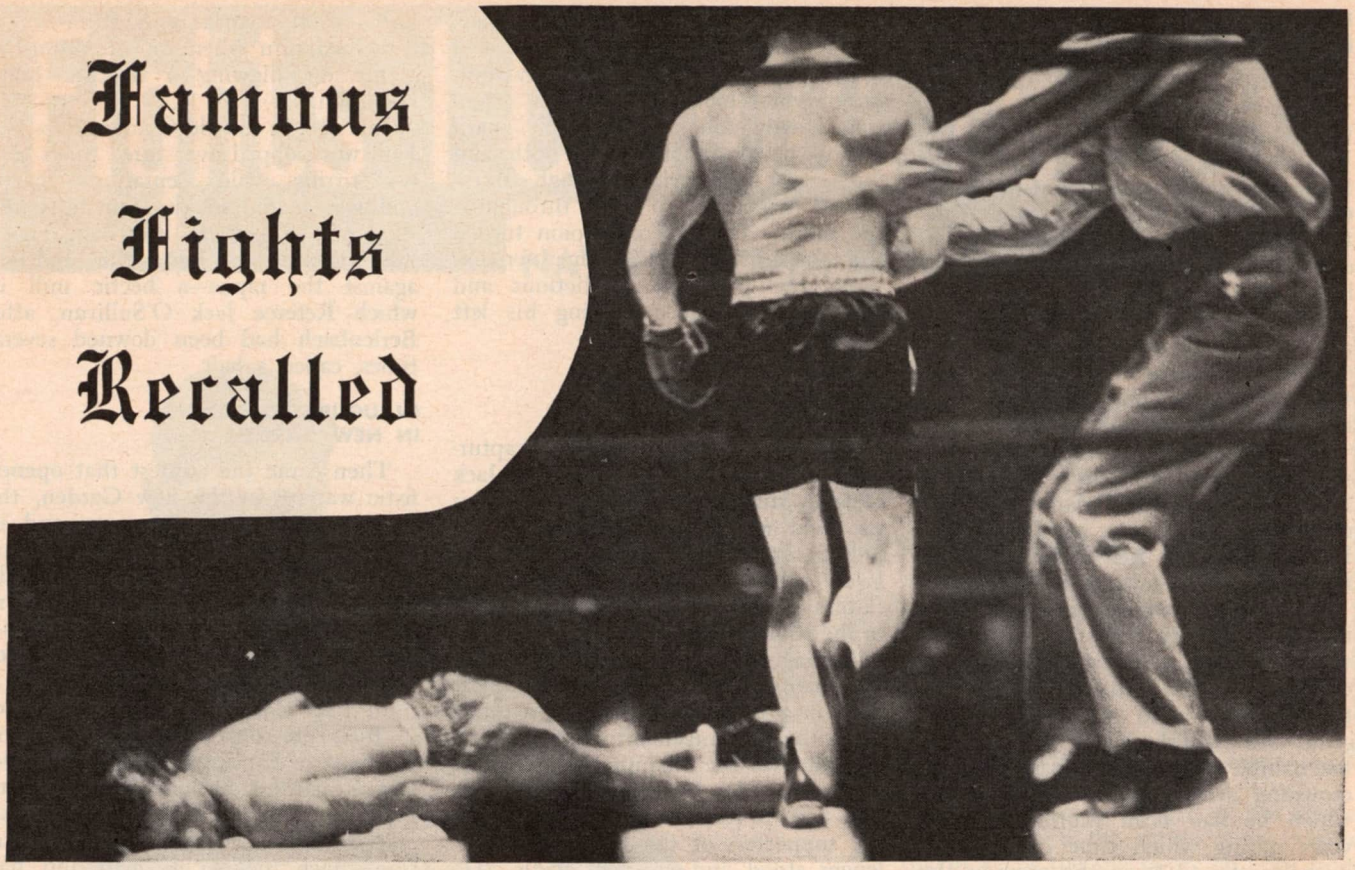


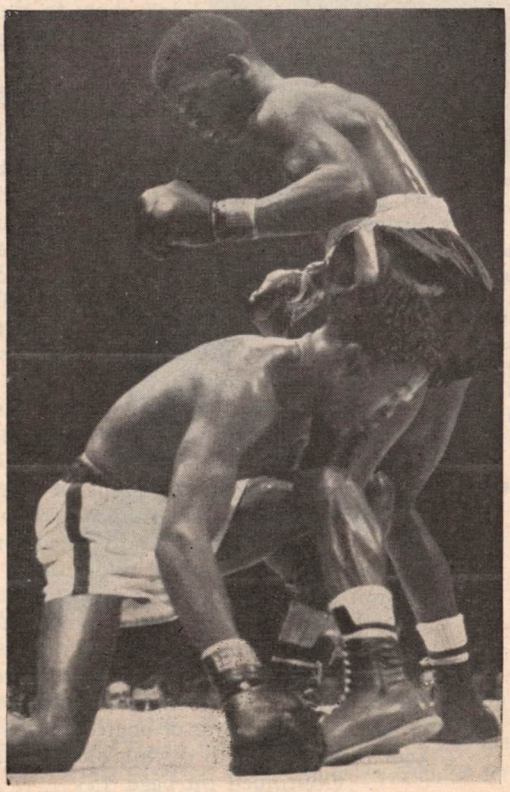
After losing the light-heavyweight crown to Jack Delaney, Paul Berlenbach and "Bright Eyes" clashed again in Chicago the following year and on December 9, 1927, Jack put Paul down twice in the third round and had him so wobbly in the sixth that the referee halted the bout awarding the verdict to Delaney.

Famous Fights Recalled

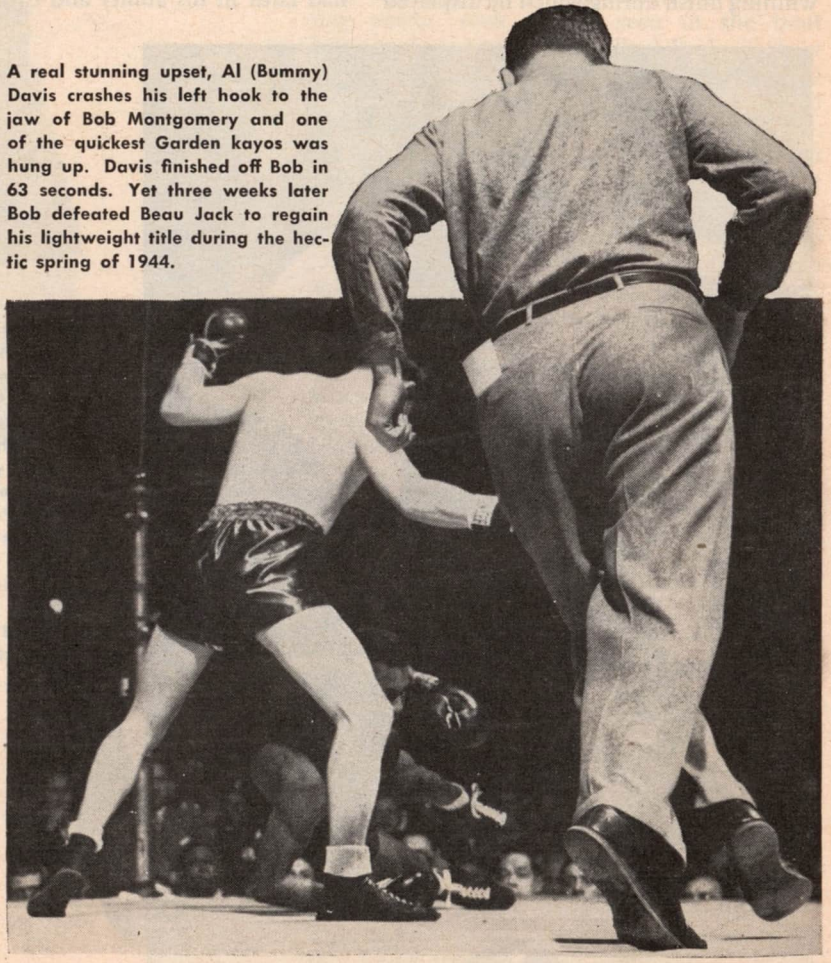


Down and out. The Cuban "Bon-Bon" Kid Chocolate is sent into dreamland by Tony Canzoneri in the second round of their bout at Madison Square Garden in New York on Nov. 24, 1933, for the junior lightweight crown.

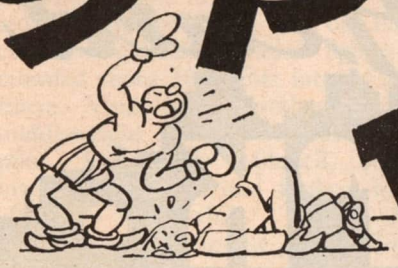
One of the few trips to the canvas taken by Kid Gavilan is shown here as then lightweight champion Ike Williams floored him for a count in the eighth round of their first fight held in the Garden on Feb. 27, 1948. Won by Williams.



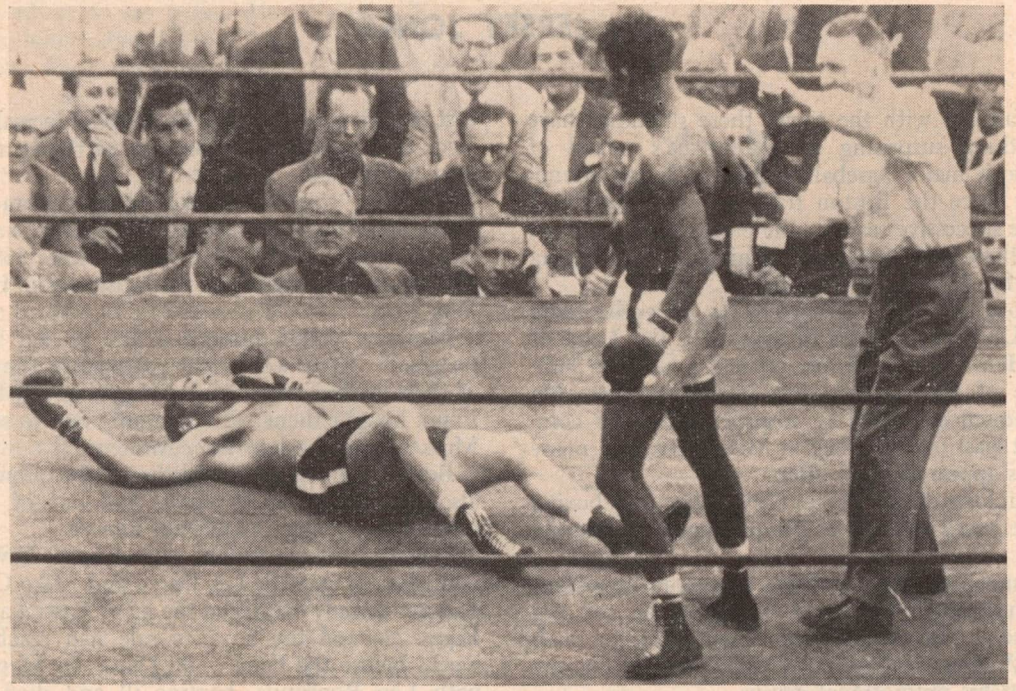
A real stunning upset, Al (Bummy) Davis crashes his left hook to the jaw of Bob Montgomery and one of the quickest Garden kayos was hung up. Davis finished off Bob in 63 seconds. Yet three weeks later Bob defeated Beau Jack to regain his lightweight title during the hectic spring of 1944.



SPOT the BONER



By BEN OLAN



RAY ROBINSON is slated to take on Gene Fullmer in defense of his world middleweight championship.

How good is your memory of another of Sugar's title outings—his last fight against Carl (Bobo) Olson, on May 18, 1956?

See how many flaws you can spot in this phantom broadcast of that bout. There are eight intentional errors. A score of 7-8 puts you in the champion category . . .5-6 makes you a logical contender . . . 3-4 indicates you've got lots of roadwork to do . . . less than 3 shows little promise. Subtract one for each statement of fact that you had believed to be a boner. Here goes:

"Good evening, boxing fans. We're speaking to you from Chicago Stadium in Chicago, where middleweight champion Ray "sugar" Robinson is about to meet former titleholder Bobo Olson in a scheduled 15 round bout. Sugar recaptured the crown last December by knocking out Olson in two rounds.

"This will be the fifth meeting between the pair with Robinson having won each of the previous four.

"Before they step into the ring, here's some background on the gladiators. Robinson comes into this fight with a record of having lost only three fights—to Jake Lamotta, Randy Turpin and Joey Maxim. The latter bout was for the light heavyweight crown in June 1952.

"Robinson first became the 160 pound boss in 1951 when he knocked out Rocky Graziano in three rounds. He then lost it to Turpin in London and regained the title by outpointing Turpin in New York.

"Olson, a native of San Francisco, made an unsuccessful attempt to take the lightheavyweight title from Archie Moore last June. Moore knocked him out in three heats. Bobo, who won the middleweight title by beating Kid Gavilan in 1954, weighed in at 160 for tonight's go.

"We're coming up for round number four. Olson had a slight edge in the first three rounds. Olson moves in fast and lands a left to the head and a right to the body and makes Robinson give ground. . . . OH! Robinson connects with a short right and then a left hook to the chin and Olson is down.

"Bobo is flat on his back. The count is five . . six . . seven. Bobo is up at nine. Robinson wades in with a combination of punches and Olson is reeling. It's all over . . . the referee stops the fight at 2:51 of the fourth round and Robinson retains his middleweight title."

Where were the boners? Well, here they are:

1. The fight was held in Los Angeles (not Chicago); 2. This was the fourth meeting between them (not the fifth); 3. Robinson had lost four fights (to Tiger Jones besides those mentioned); 4. Robinson first became 160 pound boss by knocking out Jake La Motta (not Graziano); 5. Olson is a native of Honolulu (not San Francisco); 6. Bobo won the crown by beating Turpin (not Gavilan); 7. Robinson had an edge in the first three rounds (not Olson); 8. The fight ended in a clean knockout (it was not stopped by the referee).

Well, what's the verdict reader? Do you need road work?

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

TO those familiar with the town, there shouldn't have been anything surprising in Milwaukee's record of topping both major baseball leagues in home attendance every year since the Boston franchise was transferred there. For three successive seasons, the club reported annual totals of more than 2,000,000 paid admissions, outdrawing even the powerful New York Yankees.

Milwaukee long has been recognized as an enthusiastic sports center. Until the advent of television, the Land of the Beer and Home of the Braves rated for nearly a half-century as one of the nation's top boxing centers. No fighter of consequence seemed to consider his career complete without at least one showing in Milwaukee, and many of the good 'uns appeared there often.

We got to thinking of the Cream City's illustrious boxing history when we heard recently of the passing of 80-year-old Frank Mulkern.

As manager and promoter, Mulkern played an important role in establishing the Wisconsin metropolis on the Big Time boxing scene. At various times Frank handled such fighters as Ad Wolgast and Jimmy Clabby, but he became better known for his promotional genius.

It was Mulkern who staged the first of four historic meetings between those middleweight rivals Stanley Ketchel and Billy Papke. The first chapter of another classic series, between lightweights Packey McFarland and Freddie Welsh, also was a Mulkern production. On his spectacular drive to the world heavyweight title, Jack Dempsey stopped Bill Brennan on a Mulkern card.

Richie Mitchell, probably the most popular homebred ever developed in Milwaukee, was a regular Mulkern attraction, and just about every lightweight of prominence grabbed himself a good payday by keeping a date with the colorful Irishman.

During the years that boxing was outlawed in Illinois, Mulkern's cards often drew well from Chicago, 90 miles down the Lake Michigan shore. Naturally, Frank encouraged that patronage by featuring Chicago fighters at every opportunity.

A LA HORATIO ALGER

A colorful character, Frank Mulkern. They called him the "millionaire newsboy," and, indeed, his career read like one of those Rags-to-Riches tales from the facile pen of Horatio Alger.

A native of Cedarburg, Wis., Frank was 10 when his family moved to Milwaukee. At 13, he was hustling papers on the streets. In time he owned a chain of newsstands around town. One of them he used as his "office," and it was there that he conducted his expanding business activities which not only included boxing enterprises but the city's first taxicab service. Later he dabbled in real estate and held stock in the Milwaukee Brewers of the minor league American Association.

The top "gate" of Mulkern's fight promoting career was set by lightweight champion Willie Ritchie and ex-champion Ad Wolgast in 1914. The receipts were $39,980, a remarkable figure for a ten-round no-decision bout in the pre-World War I era.

Mulkern netted himself a fine payday from the show. Originally, there were eight partners in the promotion. Six of them balked when Mulkern guaranteed Ritchie $13,000. Frank bought them out. The only one to string along with Mulkern was the late Tom Andrews.

Besides having seven-eighths of the promotion, Mulkern also was managing Wolgast, and out of the venture he cleared more than $10,000 for himself.

Mulkern maintained he would have drawn $100,000, or very close to it, with Les Darcy and Mike Gibbons in 1917 had not tragedy overtaken the great Australian middleweight. Frank claimed the advance sale had reached $65,000 six weeks before the bout when Darcy, in Memphis for a date with Len Rowlands, became ill and died of pneumonia. Mulkern would grin ruefully when he recalled the fight that never happened. "It was tough giving back all that money," he'd say, "but I sure had a lot of fun handling it."

If Mulkern had a "lot of fun" handling those 65 G's, his career in boxing must have been downright hilarious. It was estimated that, as promoter and manager, Frank played around with more than $2,500,000 in receipts and purses big money even for these days.

During the early Depression years of the '30s, Mulkern decided he'd had all the action and excitement he wanted. A wealthy man, he quit the sock market, disposed of most of his other business holdings, and retired to more peaceful pursuits.

NOT ACCORDING TO HOLLYWOOD

While on the subject of Milwaukee boxing, here's one of the most remarkable stories we've come across in a long time. It probably won't register too enthusiastically with those Hollywood writers whose scripts for motion picture and radio and TV programs persist in portraying boxing as a rowdy racket, infested by crooked gamblers, back-alley hoodlums, conniving managers and ignorant, "punchy" fighters. It's a story of Anton (Al) Kubiak, of Polish extraction, and a native of Pulaski, Wis., a rural community just north of Green Bay. Kubiak's dad operated a lumber yard there.

Beginning as a middleweight and ending as a heavyweight, Kubiak (not THE Al Kubiak of the White Hope era) boxed out of Milwaukee for eight or nine years during the late

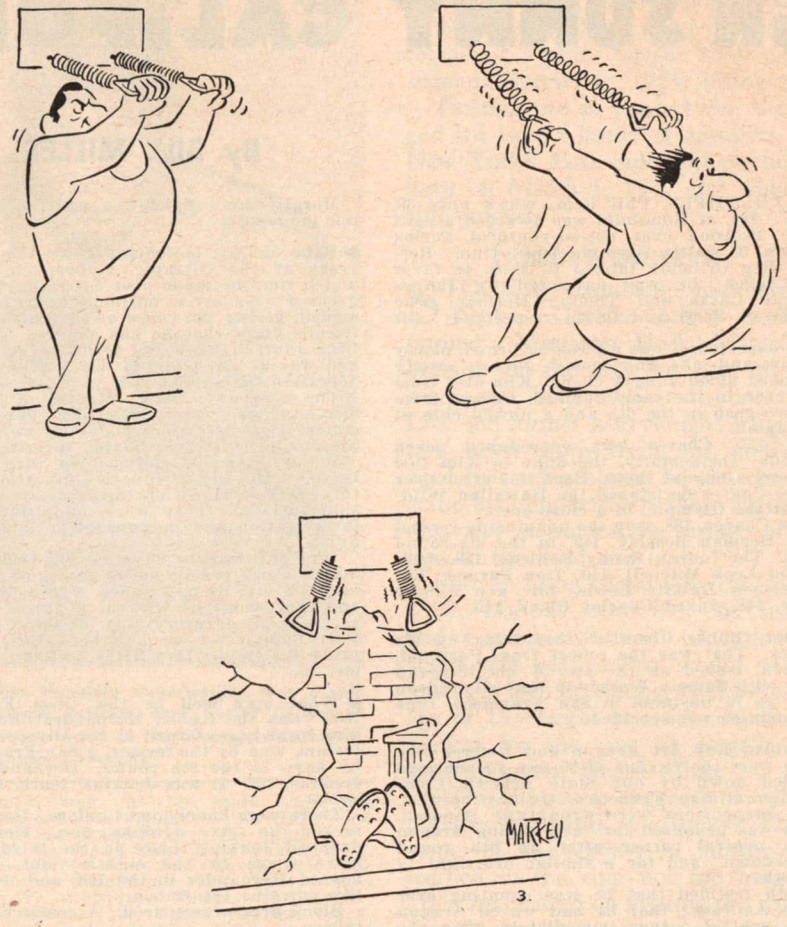
'20s and early '30s. He never attained outstanding prominence in the ring, and you're not likely to find his name in any record book, but he was what our British cousins would call a "useful" fighter and crowded about 100 fights into an active career. Vince Moha, brother of former middleweight Bob Moha, was his first pilot. Later Billy Mitchell, brother-manager of Richie and Pinkey, looked after him for a while.

Since hanging up the gloves, Kubiak has been working as a crane operator for the Allis Chalmers plant in Milwaukee.

On a trip east recently, Kubiak dropped into The Ring offices to say hello. He was on his way home after visiting his oldest son, John, 20, a cadet at West Point.

As though having a son at the Point weren't enough glory for an ex-fighter, Al mentioned that a younger offspring, Richard, now going to the University of Wisconsin, is awaiting appointment to Annapolis next year, when he's 18.

This boxing business cannot be quite so forlorn as the Hollywood colony would have the world believe when a former fighter, of modest means and reputation, can produce sons capable of qualifying for the rigid tests and high standards of the two toughest schools in the nation —the United States Military and Naval Academies.



THESE AND THOSE

We were pleasantly surprised recently to hear that Paula Dean, who has been doing so well with the leading role in George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and The Man," at the Downtown Theatre in Greenwich Village, is the daughter of Alf Mansfield, shifty little Britisher of the pre-World War I era. Veteran ring followers will recall Mansfield, who fought a dozen times or so in American rings. Two of his opponents were those world bantam title disputants, Johnny (Kewpie) Ertle and Kid Williams. Before coming here, Mansfield drew a couple of times with Eugene Criqui in Paris but was beaten in two outings with the world flyweight champion, Jimmy Wilde, in England.

Continuing the British "touch," a current visitor in our midst is that old Whitechapel Buzzaw, Jack (Kid) Berg. At 47, Jack shows very few traces of his long, active career, which spanned two busy decades on both sides of the Atlantic. He has kept himself in excellent trim and looks as though he could step ten rounds now without too much effort. Until recently, Berg had been operating a restaurant in London and filling in spare time as stunt man in British films. Although his jaunt here is in the nature of a brief holiday, looking up old friends and old haunts, Jack may decide to prolong his stay if he can find something to "interest" him.

With Madison Square Garden getting back to a fairly regular boxing program, the slowest period of ring activity New York had known in the 36 years' existence of the Walker law finally ended. Over a stretch of ten weeks, from August 10 to October 19, the International Boxing Club was able to squeeze only one date into the Garden's busy schedule, and the St. Nicholas Arena, with its weekly Monday night offerings, had the local fight scene all to itself.

It should have been no surprise to readers of this column when Ingemar Johansson grabbed the European heavyweight title from Franco Cavvichi in Bologna. We've had several occasions in the last couple of years to speak encouragingly of Johansson. Discussing the world heavyweight situation in these columns recently, following Rocky Marciano's retirement, we tabbed the 24-year-old Swede as Europe's only possibility in an elimination tourney, but added that "he still is in the process of development and at least a year away from a bid for the world title."

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THE month's results:

It was unfortunate that British middleweight champion Pat McAteer, of Birkenhead, England, had to make his first American visit a brief one. He shaped up as a pretty fair mechanic in outpointing awkward, aggressive Jerry Luedee, of New Haven, Conn., at the St. Nicholas Arena. Off that performance, Pat would have fitted right into our busy middleweight scene, but he had to hustle back to England to defend his British laurels against Lew Lazar in Nottingham. Against Luedee, McAteer showed himself to be a shifty defensive boxer with a good left hook and a snappy right counter. He had one rough moment early in the bout, when Luedee caught him in the second round with a lunging right as Pat bounced off the ropes in his (Jerry's) corner. McAteer went down but was up at four, although he had to take the mandatory eight-count. From then on the Britisher was careful not to take any further undue chances with Luedee's crude but lusty swings, and he gave the Nutmeg Stater a fairly comprehensive going-over. Although contracts for the fight called for 165 pounds, McAteer came in at the middleweight limit, 160, but Luedee scaled 168½ at the 12:00 noon weigh-in and was given two hours in which to get rid of the surplus. After a rugged siege in the steam-room of a nearby health club, Jerry tipped the beam at 164½. He stood up under some rugged punishment and at the finish was still piling in for more. The semi-final six ended at 1:38 of the fourth. Stefan Redl, 145, German emigre now living in Passaic, N. J., polishing off Frankie Madison, 140½, Bronx. In fours, Joe Davis, 147, Brooklyn, decisioned Billy Harper, 144½, Washington, D. C.; Frankie Figueroa, 126, Puerto Rico, drew with Harold Calhoun, 124½, Harlem, and Eddie Henderson, 164, Jersey City, did likewise with Jerry Holman, 168½, Brooklyn.

▶The run of British victories at the St. Nick reached a dismal ending when Empire heavyweight champion Joe Bygraves, 198¾, "retired" in his corner after five rounds with ponderous Wayne Bethea, 202½, Bronx. For three rounds it looked as though Bygraves, a transplanted West Indian operating out of Birkenhead, England, would complete the "cycle of three" started by Johnny Sullivan and continued by Pat McAteer in the

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

"YOUTHFUL Phil Kim, who's only 30, 144, of Honolulu, was awarded a split decision over not-so-youthful Carlos Chavez, 35, at the Olympic Auditorium. Referee Reg Gillmore tabbed it 96-95, in favor of Chavez; he was out-voted by Judges George Latka and Tommy Herman, who scored it 97-93 and 98-95, respectively, for Kim.

As expected, it was a pleasing brawl, plenty of give-and-take, and enough gore to satisfy the most blood-hungry client. Kim bled from the nose in the early rounds; Chavez from an eye-gash in the 6th and a nicked chin at the finish.

At 137, Chavez was outweighed seven pounds. Incidentally, the duke to Kim tied the score betwixt them. Back in the summer of '53 Chavez decisioned the Hawaiian Wildcat at the Olympic, in a close one.

Joe Chavez, 138, won the unanimous verdict over Herman Beasley, 142, in the six-round semi. The fours: Benny Robledo, 138, decisioned Leon Mitchell, 140; Don Farmer, 151, decisioned DeWitt Lewis, 151; and Jimmy Plair, 148, duked Charley Clark, 145.

▶Carl (Bobo) Olson, 28, has hung up his gloves. That was the report from Portland, Oregon, issued on the eve of his 10-round bout with Sammy Walker in that city. Olson may go in business in San Francisco, type of business not specified.

▶Golden Boy Art Aragon and Referee Abe Roth were the victims of 90-day suspensions handed down by our State Athletic Commission at San Francisco. In my opinion, both suspensions were wrongfully imposed. Roth was penalized for "not waving Aragon to a neutral corner after an 8th round knockdown" and for a similar oversight in the 9th.

Roth testified that he was counting over Cisco Andrade; that he had waved Aragon to a neutral corner immediately after the knockdowns were scored. Not having eyes in the back of his head, he couldn't see if Aragon was inching forward or not.

Aragon was penalized for failure to remove collodion protectively applied to his eyebrows. I wonder if the gents of the Commission know how "easy" it is to remove collodion, four or five hours after its application.

Ho, hum. I'm afraid this is NOT our best Commission, and I've known them all in California for the past thirty years.

▶Johnny Gonsalvez, Oakland, 139, didn't set the river afire in scoring a unanimous 10-round duke over Alfredo Nevarez, Juarez, at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

Cal Wharton of the Times: "The ho-hum match opened on a ho-hum note, with only a few light jabs breaking up what might have developed into a Great Waltz."

George Main of the Herald-Express thought Gonsalvez was "plenty sharp" and suggested that in the event Cisco Andrade failed to land a title match with Joe Brown, he take on Gonsalvez. "This would be a natural for the state title", enthused George.

Mebbe so, mebbe so. But I'll betcha Manager Ralph Gambina and his alleged pardner, Frankie-boy Sinatra, won't knock over women and children in their rush to sign for such a match.

There were no knockdowns. The votes: Referee Mushy Callahan, 97-93; Judge Frankie Van, 99-93; Judge Dynamite Jackson, 97-94.

Connie Citizen, 145, outpunched Eddie Asti, 148, in the six-round semi to win the unanimous verdict.

The fours: Tommy Carlin, 131, dec. Ricky Palma, 129; Abe Villa, 115, dec. Sammy Garcia, 120; and Eddie Cato, 232, defeated Terry Sorrell, 194½.

▶Sammy Schnitzer, now covering boxing for the L.A. Examiner—Mort Moss is doing a column and covering football—did a fine job on his Babe McCoy story, following the Babe's announcement that he was retiring. Sammy knows boxing and his coverage is objective and comprehensive. He writes well, too.

▶Lauro Salas, former world lightweight champ, got into a brawl with John Law—in fact, two John Laws. A couple of sheriff's deputies in an East Los Angeles bar thought Lauro had imbibed too much tiger perspiration. They said he went peaceably, but once outside, decided to slug it out with the two gendarmes. He was handcuffed and booked.

Moral: don't fight two cops at a time; one is enough.

▶Babe McCoy, matchmaker for the past 15 years at the Olympic Auditorium, during which time he made over 5,000 matches that grossed over seven million dollars, has resigned, giving the cause as ill-health. Babe's friends know that he has suffered for years from gout, diabetes and arthritis, and a year ago was at the point of death following an operation for appendicitis.

The same day, Jimmy Murray of Oakland also announced his retirement as boxing promoter. Both McCoy and Murray were under fire during the recent boxing investigation.

McCoy, however, refused to turn in his license. He insists upon vindication from the charges, many of them flimsy and unsubstantiated. They were made during the investigation and he says he'll fight to the finish.

"I'm quitting the Olympic job because my health won't permit me to continue. I won't turn in my license unless I'm forced to—and that won't be without a fight. They've accused me of everything except firing on Fort Sumter: I wasn't there, but I can't prove it. Maybe they'll try to hang that on me, too."

▶What may well be the "Best Fight of 1956" was the Ruben Hernandez-Eddie Jenkins light-heavy brawl at the Olympic Auditorium, won by the former, a San Franciscan, by kayo in the 8th round. Hernandez, 169, Jenkins, 167. It was Jenkins' tenth, his first defeat.

There were knockdowns galore. Hernandez racked up six, Jenkins one. Hernandez dropped Jenkins thrice in the third; three more times in the eighth. But Jenkins floored Hernandez in the 7th, and it looked like curtains for Ruben.

Blood-pressures soared. A rematch is certain.

Al Wilcher, 120½, though floored in the fifth, won the unanimous verdict over Chuchu Uribe, 125¾, in the six-round semi. The fours: Ricardo Montanez, 165, dec. Ernest Boykins, 164; Eddie Cato, 232, KO (3) over James Hall, 195; and Ollie Galloway, 125½, decisioned Tony Rios, 125½.

▶Rudy Garcia, 125¾, going like the proverbial house afire, scored a smashing 50-second knockout over Jose (Toluco) Lopez, 124, Mexico, at the Olympic Auditorium. A crowd of about 3300 paid $5289 to see the quickie.

The echo of the starting bell had scarcely died away before Garcia nailed Lopez with a one-two, and down went Toluco for 8. Senor Lopez got to his feet, but not for long: a left hook, followed by three hard rights, sent him down again. This time he was counted out by Referee Frankie Van.

There was another sensational brawl—Babe McCoy vs Art Aragon—but this one was not programmed. Neither was it bloody. Both tossed one punch; both missed.

Herman Beasley, 142, was awarded an unpopular split decision over Tony Reyes, 136, in the four-round featured prelim. The fans booed lustily. Other fours: Benny Robledo, 139, dec. Larry Parker, 141; Ernie Boykins, 159, drew with Ricardo Montanez, 157, and Jimmy Plair, 149, TKO (1) over Bobby Escamilla, 145.

▶Lauro Salas, the Lion of Monterrey, 129½, though outweighed about six pounds by Lou Filippo, L.A., 135, was awarded a 9th round TKO victory at Hollywood Legion Stadium in one of the best fights of '56—a thriller from start to finish.

That the fans expected that kind of a fight is evidenced by the gate: about 3800 fans paid a gross of $5340, and each boy got a purse of about $1400.

Filippo was leading on all three cards when the fight was terminated. Stoppage was due to severe cuts over both eyes. As John Hall of the Mirror-News puts it: "If the humane society allows it, a rematch between Lauro Salas and Lou Filippo is a must."

Only knockdown of the brawl was scored by Salas in Round 3—a right, followed by a left hook to the head.

When the fight was stopped, Referee Tommy Hart had Filippo in front, 73-69; Judge George Latka, 77-75, and Judge Reggie Gillmore, 77-74. (In case you're interested, I had it somewhat closer: just about 50-50, in fact.)

Dwight Hawkins, 124, racked up four knockdowns over Babe Antunez, 127½, in the six-round semi, to win the unanimous duke. The fours: Tommy Carlin, 132, KO (2) over Reuben Perez, 130½; Lonnie Malone, 170, decisioned Charley Black, 162½, and Herman Beasley, 141½, defeated Leon Mitchell, 141.

▶It may be a threat or it may be a promise—but Art Aragon told Sid Ziff, sports ed. of the Mirror-News, that he'd retire from the ring if the Commisison didn't allow him to use collodion in future fights. He cuts easily around the eyes.

Though I don't always agree with Aragon, I go along with him in this instance. Fighters are permitted—nay, forced!—to wear cups; they are allowed the use of a mouthpiece to protect the lips. Then why, in Heaven's name, no protection for the eyes?

Football players wear enough armor to tilt with Sir Lancelot; baseball players are protected, too. Why not boxers? Too many fights are halted because of cut eyes—and that cheats the cash customer.

▶Until the end of the battle, most newspaper observers believed that the clash between Tommy Romulo and Davey Gallardo rated local headlines because it had drawn Fresno's biggest indoor gate in 30 years. But a hassle over the scorecard addition got all the attention in papers throughout the West Coast.

Romulo, 138, of the Philippines, and Gallardo, 137, of Los Angeles, fought a very even fight through their bristling ten rounds. Announcer Al Radka announced Gallardo the winner, 96 to 95, after looking at the point total on Referee Fred Apostoli's scorecard. But after most of the crowd had left the Fresno Auditorium, a recheck showed Apostoli had made a mistake in addition. Romulo was then proclaimed the victor, by the same 96 to 95. Which one was the WINNER?

Well, two weeks later in San Francisco the five-man California Commission decided that Romulo was entitled to the verdict. That's how it will go in the record books.

The crowd of 2500 paid $5,100 gross. Local ring historians had to go back to pre-depression years of 1920s to match this for a Fresno indoor battle.

Leo Agbulos, 135, Stockton, outpointed Marvin Marcus, 138, Fresno, in six rounds. Andy Carmona, 130, Fresno, decisioned Enrique Barrera, 131, S.F. in another six.

Willie Costa, 143, KO'd Dick McGhee, 146, in 2. Hector Garcia, 138, and George Weiner, 144, drew in four rounds.

▶Scoring two knockdowns, one in the 7th, another in the 9th, Tombstone Smith, 146¼, won the unanimous verdict over Dave Johnson, San Francisco, same heft, at the Olympic Auditorium, in a 12-rounder.

The victory brought Tombstone the welterweight championship of California, and places him in a position for bigger and better things in his chosen profession. Smith was solidly favored at 3-1. The scoring: Referee Russ Bradford, 117-109; Judge Reg Gillmore, 116-109; and Judge John Thomas, 115-107. One point was deducted from Johnson's tally because of a low blow in the 7th.

The 5-foot, 11-inch sailorman had defeated Charley Sawyer prior to his meeting with Johnson. At the time, that victory didn't mean much; but Sawyer's unanimous duke over Virgil Akins subsequent to his defeat at the hands of Tombstone made it important.

It was a rugged, grueling scrap. Fans got their money's worth. Johnson had some good wins to his credit, including triumphs over Stan Harrington and Phil Kim.

In the 6-round semi, Jesse Jones, 145, won the unanimous duke over Al Perez, 147½. The fours: Herman Beasley, 142, outpointed Tony Reyes, 140; Benny Robledo, 139, decisioned Larry Parker, 141, and DeWitt Lewis, 148, TKO (2) over Eddie Gilbert, 148.

▶Northern California's busiest promoter, Willie Hunefeld, varied his fistic fare by presenting three ten rounders in the Auditorium at Stockton. Tony Ganados, 121, Manila, sprung the biggest surpise of the evening by knocking out Baby Comacho, 123, in the first round. Comacho had decisioned Ganados a month before in the same ring. More than 2300 fans paid $4600 gross.

In the finale of the triple main event, Dommy Ursua, 118, Manila, stopped Nick Lopez, 117, San Francisco, in the fifth session. In an earlier round Ursua broke Lopez' nose with a series of savage combinations.

Ursua's score in the U.S. is three fights and three knockouts. In each bout he broke the nose of his opponent.

Tony Dupas, 147, of the fighting New Orleans family, outpointed Russell Davis, 143, Reno, in ten sessions. Referee Johnny Reno scored it 99-93, awarding Dupas every round except the fifth.

▶ Melancholy Cholly Sawyer, 145, suffered a nine-count knockdown in Round 1 of his ten-spot with Virgil Akins, 146½, at Hollywood Legion Stadium, but like truth crushed to earth, he rose again to win nearly all of the remaining rounds and capture the unanimous verdict. It was one of the major upsets of the year in local circles.

Sawyer, knocked out earlier this year by Neal Rivers, was a despised underdog against the 4th-ranking Missouri mauler. But after that big first round, Akins faded like the last rose of summer. In fact, he was warned by Referee George Latka in the 5th to get in there and start fighting or run the risk of getting the heave-ho.

Akins protested he was doing his best, and that he couldn't fight any harder. The scoring: Referee Latka, 96-88; Judge Tommy Herman, 97-93; Judge Reg Gillmore, 95-90. Evidently Akins underestimated Sawyer, didn't train hard, and ran plumb out of cigarettes.

In the six-round semi, Monroe Ratliff, 174½, won the unanimous duke over Frankie Haynes, 175½. The fours: Babe Antunez, 129, decisioned Dwight Hawkins, 126; Benny Robledo, 138½, trimumphed over Leon Mitchell, 140, and Dean Crisp, 150, KO (2) over Herbert Bunch, 149½.

▶ Young Jack Johnson, born John Lee Storey, 203½, annoyed most of our newspaper experts in L. A. by defeating favored Ben Wise, Oakland, 193, at the Olympic Auditorium. The scribes had tabbed Mr. Wise to grab the duke. He crossed 'em up by dropping the duke.

Johnson now yearns to meet Roger Rischer, who snatched the state heavyweight title from him a couple of months ago.

Last March, in Oakland, Wise won by a kayo over Johnson, but the local boy, fighting aggressively, kept Wise on the defensive. A retreating fighter doesn't win many scarps. The verdict was unanimous: Referee Dynamite Jackson, 97-93; Judge Jack McDonald, 98-94 and Judge Lee Grossman, 96-95. Most of the ringsiders were more generous in alloting points to Johnson.

Larry Maldonado, 160½, scored a 6th round TKO over Henry Bronko, 157, in the semi-final, scheduled for six. The fours: Vince Davi, 147, decisioned Del Ray, 145; Leo Merino, 187, duked Pete Alexander, 177; and Al Wilcher, 125, triumphed over Al Tovar, 130.

▶ Up in San Francisco, boxing writers are lowering the boom on Sid Flaherty, portly pilot of Bobo Olson and a flock of others, less renowned. Flaherty threatened to move his operations to Portland.

What irked the writing gents most was Flaherty's alleged statement that he could make three times as much in Portland as in S. F. My good friend Jack Fiske, of the S. F. Chronicle, had this to say:

"It is ridiculous to ask anybody to swallow such pap. But if Flaherty wants to move his stable to Portland, Godspeed."

▶ Willie Vaughn, 161, Los Angeles, completely outclassed Hank Davis, 155½, at the Olympic Auditorium, and was awarded a 7th round TKO victory over the Phoenix middleweight. Vaughn, former state 160-lb. champ, served notice that he's determined to regain the California crown which has twice before adorned his cranium.

Davis, with a win over Bobby Jones under his belt, was down twice, but Referee Tommy Hart refused to recognize these trips to the canvas as knockdowns.

In the six-round semi, Ray Castro, 138½, was doing all right until the 5th round, when Del Jackson nailed him with a crushing right to end the battle. Jackson, who also weighed 138½, was favored to win.

The fours: Leon Mitchell, 140, TKO (1) over Bobby Diaz, 137; Pepe Barba, 160, decisioned Ernest Boykins, 159; and Terry Sorrell, 197½, TKO (1) over Willie Pope, 187½.

▶ Hollywood Legion officials came in for deserved criticism when they refused to introduce Billy Peacock from the ring, just prior to the Raton Macias-Larry Bataan fight. Probably didn't want to perturb Macias, who had been knocked out in Round 3 by Peacock on his last local appearance, and suffered a broken jaw in the process.

▶ Willie Green, L.A. middleweight, scored a sharp upset at Hollywood Legion Stadium when he stopped George Johnson, Trenton warrior, in the 10th round. Johnson had been dropped in Round 2, took a savage lacing in the 9th, and shortly after the 10th began was smashed to the floor by Green. He fell to the canvas, with his head extending beyond the ring ropes.

Phil Kim, Honolulu welterweight, won a split ten rounds decision over Carlos Chavez in a pleasing brawl at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles, recently.

Johnson was out for more than five minutes, and was rushed to the Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital after the fight.

In the six-round semi, Paul Baker, 134½, won decisevely over Joe Chavez, 135. The verdict was unanimous. The fours: Chaco Uribe, 127, decisioned Tommy Carlin, 131; Lonnie Malone, 170, duked Charley Black, 163½; and Carlos Serrano, 122½, decisioned Sammy Garcia, 121.

▶ To most Filipino boxers the capital of the United States is Stockton, Calif. Scoring his second knockout at Northern California's leading boxing center was Dommy Ursua, of Manila. He defeated Johnny Ortega by a sixth round TKO in a scheduled ten rounder at the Stockton Civic Auditorium. Ursua weighed 117; Ortega, 115.

Ortega, of Oakland, former American flyweight champion, gave a good account of himself through five rounds, which were rated three, one and one even for Ursua. Referee Johnny Reno halted matters in the sixth when it was found Ortega's nose was broken.

The gross was $2619 for 1521 spectators. Willie Hunefeld promoted the program.

Abe Nance, 142, Stockton, kept ducking potent left hooks and landed often enough himself to earn a six round draw with Bob Miller, 145, Oakland.

Ray King, 165, Berkeley, scored four knockdowns in the second over Chester Shepherd, 163, Oakland. In the third King finished Shepherd with a left-right combination. The bout was slated for six. Tony Moss, 151, dec. Doug Garret, 149, in 4.

NEW FACES

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"As an amateur," informs Willie Grunes, who has developed many fine ringmen, among them Maxie Shapiro, *"Angelo lost 3 of sixteen bouts in one year—1955—which is when he started. Incidently, he's still attending school—Metropolitan Trade—studying aeronautics. He's also working for a hardware concern. Angelo's father was a seaman, captain of a freighter, but now retired."*

The oldest of five brothers and three sisters, whose mother passed on six years ago, Angelo is of French and Spanish descent. Late in 1954, he came into the Clinton Gym and told its owner, Willie Grunes, that he wanted to become a fighter. After drilling him for about a year, Allegue took part in sixteen contests in 1955, losing three.

Turning pro in June, 1956, the rugged lad won a horde of admirers from New York's East Side—where he was born on March 1, 1937 and where he still resides.

NICKY DALLEVA

STOCKY, slam-bang middleweight Nickie Davella might well be termed a Miniature Rocky Marciano—because of the way he rips into his rivals and belts away with both fists. Like the former heavyweight king, Dalleva never stops trying, is undiscouraged by jarring blows; he aims to overcome his opponents by sheer aggressiveness and an unceasing barrage of wallops to the head and body.

Born in Long Island City on July 29, 1937, Dalleva—who has one sister—had a grammar school education and spent one year in art school. Always having a love of boxing, Nickie—at the age of 18—began to work out in preparation for the ring at Angelo Morganti's Queens Health Club.

"The kid was so rugged and willing," declares Morganti, who taught Dalleva some of the points of boxing he'd learned in the ring not too long ago, *"that he insisted on fighting pro without first sharpening up in the amateurs. So, on July 9, 1956, I put him in. He won by a kayo. And to date he's scored three more knockouts and won a decision. He sure looks promising."*

PETE SCHMIDT

IT is the claim of Pete Schmidt that when a fighter is in the ring he should fight. *"For these reasons,"* he explains with a slight accent: *"Because fighting is my profession, and that's what people are paying to see."* Thus, when Schmidt steps into the roped square fight fans are never disappointed.

An only child, Pete—whose nickname is "Gogo"—was born in Rode, Romania, on Jan. 12, 1934. He was brought up in Saltzburg, Germany. *"Lived there nine years,"* informs the 5-foot-8 welterweight. *"Attended school there. Three years High School. In 1953 I went to Canada. There, for over a year, had my own carpentry business. Stayed there three years. Here, aside from fighting, I work as auto salesman."*

At age of twenty, became interested in boxing. After 4 days in gym found it fun and entered amateurs. Won ten of 12 encounters. *"I was taught whatever points I picked up by Murray Swartz,"* says Gogo, who is of the slambang variety scrapper, admirably courageous and strong, a solid walloper and can take a hard blow.

Since turning pro in May, 1956, Pete won four and lost two.

PUNCH LINES

FROM OUR READERS

OLDTIMER—PRO AND CON

I HAVE been a steady reader of THE RING for the past ten years and haven't missed a single copy. I haven't written to you before, but I think now is the time to get into the argument in regards to the old time fighters, such as John L. Sullivan, Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, Benny Leonard and others as compared to the best of the crop of the last few years.

Of course it is an argument that will never be answered but I would like to get into the argument and express my opinion.

It gives me a pain when I read some of the articles about the greatness of the forementioned. The great boxing ability of Corbett and Leonard; the great fighting heart of John L. Sullivan, Fitzsimmons, and Jeffries. Of course there is no way of proving pro or con, but isn't it reasonable to assume that while records have been broken and are still being broken in practically every other sport that have stood for years, the same should be true for the fight game? The four minute mile; the seven foot high jump; the pole vault, just to mention a few that comes to mind right now.

I am a man of fifty-four years and have followed the fight game since Dempsey's day. I read about the great boxing ability of Corbett and Leonard. I give you as comparison Tunney and Ray Robinson. Also, about the fighting heart of Sullivan, Fitzsimmons and Jeffries. They were great men, I know, with plenty of punching power.

I give you in comparison, Dempsey, Louis, Marciano, and again Ray Robinson for real raw courage and fighting heart. They were and still are unsurpassed, in my opinion.

I think Tunney would have beaten Corbett and either Dempsey, Marciano, or Louis would have knocked out John L. Sullivan, Bob Fitzsimmons, or Jeffries over the fifteen round route. While it is true some of the Old Timers went several more rounds than is legal now, there is more actual fighting taking place now in fifteen rounds than in the old days of twenty or thirty rounds.

So come on now, let's hear from some of you old timers and get something started.

Thanking you again for many pleasant hours of wonderful reading,

Melvin A. Workman
Phoenix, Oregon

A PHOTO CAN LIE!

I bought your October issue of the Ring, and found many facts, as usual, of fistic interest, and it helped pass the time traveling via fast Strato-cruiser from Oregon back to New York.

The one story of particular interest to me was Daniel M. Daniel's yarn on Jack Johnson. Needless to say Daniel's writing was superb, and his history of that famous result between Jess Willard and Jack Johnson stuck to the facts.

I've been waiting long to get in my opinion of that result. And your publication with the Johnson confession is the proper place for my opinion. Not that I was present, being only five when they fought.

Several years ago I read an article in a photography magazine, in which a famous sports photographer was interviewed. His name and the name of the publication escapes me, but the story is well remembered.

This photographer took the photo at ringside, same one used with your story, and published time and again. I recall the photographer saying he had used as fast a lens as was possible in those days, also he was sorry he took the photo as the result was not what was intended. He took the picture as JOHNSON WENT DOWN AFTER BEING HIT HARD BY WILLARD —THE PHOTO SHOWED JOHNSON'S ARM COMING OVER HIS HEAD—as THOUGH SHADING HIS EYES—BUT ACTUALLY—this photographer said—THE ARM CONTINUED DOWN PAST HIS HEAD —and his legs straightened.

That's why photo versions lend support to the story Johnson tells. But actually Jack Johnson was knocked out by Willard. I well remember this photographer's definite opinion that Willard won by a clean knockout. This does not solve whether Johnson took a dive, but helps dispel the unfairness to Willard who was the winner —with tainted stories.

Dewey Fragetta
New York, N. Y.

SCHMELING'S BEEN UNDER-RATED

I have been a reader of "The Ring" for a long time, since 1930 to be exact. That was the year when Max Schmeling became world champion and he has been my favorite ever since. I didn't think he had been given full credit for his ability. His first victory of note in our country was against one of the toughest heavyweights of his period, the rugged, durable Johnny Risko, who fought the outstanding heavyweights with considerable success.

When Herr Max won the world crown, he gained the victory on a foul, but Max proved in his subsequent fights that he was a much better heavyweight than Jack Sharkey and others of his time. His victory over Young Stribling was a worthy performance. He displayed skill and hitting power that gained for him considerable praise.

When he lost the title to Sharkey, few in the arena really thought he was defeated. Even "The Ring" mentioned that fact.

When we sum up his all-around ability, I believe we can find him a place among the top ten heavyweights. He richly, in my opinion, deserves this standing. His ring workmanship, physical fitness, stamina, hitting ability, fighting spirit, countering and coordination were excelled by few in the past fifty years. With the passing of the years there will be greater appreciation for this fine heavyweight.

Willard H. Zierold
South Amana, Iowa

PATTERSON SHOULDN'T RATE

You print a lot in "The Ring" about keeping the good name of the sport and so forth, but Nat Fleischer in the world rating of lightheavyweights and heavyweights is making a mockery of the time honored principle of recognition for merit IN THE RING AS OPPOSED TO ON PAPER.

You have Floyd Patterson listed as number two in the heavyweight division, and he has fought only ONE of the other nine men. Of the eighteen men aside from Patterson in lightheavy and heavy divisions, Patterson has fought only two, losing to Maxim, dear old tired Joey.

Patterson has punched around a lot of "never-was" heavyweights and lightheavies and a few middles like Willie Troy, but it is absolutely ridiculous that a victory over Hurricane Jackson should put him next to Moore, or, that an injury to this virtually unproved fighter should delay Moore's meeting another more qualified contender for the championship.

All these other heavyweights like Baker, Holman, Machen, Satterfield, Carter and Holman have to fight like

crazy every couple of months for fear that you will bounce them out of the "ratings", but you keep Patterson up at the top while he has one fight a year.

Also, if beating Hurricane Jackson is all that is required to put a fighter in contention, Nino Valdes should be right up there, in view of his utter destruction of Jackson, as opposed to Patterson's unimpressive win over him.

Let's make a fighter earn his rating in the ring.

Trevor J. Constable
North Hollywood, California

(ED. NOTE: Valdes' victory was scored three years ago. Ratings are made on current activity and you know what has happened to Valdes since. As for Patterson, every commission rates him the logical contender for Moore due to the poor crop of heavies and we go along with that line of reasoning.)

BOXING NEEDS UNIVERSAL SCORING SYSTEM

I have been a boxing fan and a reader of RING MAGAZINE for more than twenty years. I am sure that a universal scoring system, coupled with better trained and more capable officials, would eliminate a great many "wrong" decisions. I hasten to add that I am not questioning the ability of officials chosen by the various boxing commissions, but merely that they differ greatly as to which factors involve the winning of a round. However, the chief issue at stake, I believe, is the many scoring systems in use at the present time.

I greatly respect and admire Nat Fleischer's ability as an expert on boxing, but I take issue with him concerning the ideal scoring system. It seems obvious to me that New York's present system of scoring a match by rounds is as illogical as was James J. Parker a logical contender for world heavyweight honors. Would a football team which scored a single touchdown in each of the first three quarters defeat an opponent scoring six touchdowns in the final quarter? Would a baseball team which scored one run in each of the first six innings be declared winner over an opponent which scored seventeen runs in the final three frames? These possibilities may sound ridiculous; yet analogous situations have occurred in boxing, although rarely, I must admit.

If the ten-point-must system is inadequate, it is because the spread per round is not utilized properly by officials.

The same system could be simplified considerably by giving the winner of a round one or more points and the loser O. Under this system, a fighter conceivably could lose the first six or seven rounds and still have a chance of winning with a strong rally in the late rounds, without the necessity of knocking the other fellow out.

M. H. Suydam
China Lake, Calif.

HAMIA BEST FEATHERWEIGHT?

I have been a constant reader of the RING MAGAZINE for many years and have always scrutinized your ratings with great interest. In the August issue, I was surprised that the French Featherweight Champion, Cherif Hamia was only ranked number three. Hamia, at the close of last year, became the first man to stop the World Bantam Champion, Robert Cohen, and then went to America to prove his worth, Hamia defeated the three best American featherweights, Carmelo Costa, Ike Chestnut who went on to stop Costa, and the dangerous Miguel Berrios. What more can Hamia do except beat Saddler?

However, I still think that your magazine is by far the best boxing review in the world.

(Elie Benatar)
Mowbray, Cape Town, South Africa

(Since your letter was received, you undoubtedly noted that Hamia was ranked second in last edition. At the time you wrote, Hamia had not yet reached the point where he deserved better than third place since Galiana of Spain, and Bassey had better records. Since then Galiana has been defeated and has been dropped to make way for Hamia.) Ed. Note

WHEN SHOULD PUNISHMENT END?

As an observer of the Green-Johnson Match in Los Angeles, I would like to take this opportunity to express my concern over the proceedings of this bout.

It is my opinion that it was certainly against all international boxing rules to permit Charley Green to pummel Georgie Johnson as he did so unmercifully, without the intervention of the referee. I was amazed also that the doctor did not interfere until Johnson had already succumbed. I have always been a boxing fan and am quite familiar with proper regulations and I considered this fight against all decent precedents.

I hope that in the future such a situation will never again recur.

Brig. Gen. Ignácio de Loyola Daher
Brazilian Air Attaché

(Ed. Note: Green knocked out Johnson in 10th round. Johnson was sent to hospital as result of punishment received.)

I LIKE "WHIPPER"

I have been reading "News of the Mat World" in THE RING MAGAZINE and find it the most up to date listings of the Fan Clubs and mat news of any publication I have read.

I am an ardent wrestling fan and a special fan of the champ, "Whipper Watson". He has given me permission to start a Fan Club for him and I already have over 200 members in that club.

I would appreciate hearing from any fans who wish to join.

Betty Ward
Toronto, Ontario, Can.

(Ed Note: Those wishing to join may write to Miss Ward, 38 Brightwood St, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.)

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FIGHTS I CANNOT FORGET

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often carried kayo pellets, and the crowd loved it.

But Paul Berlenbach wasn't asleep. He displayed the fighting qualities of a fighting champion, but his challenger had a little more on the ball at this stage as a result of which Berlenbach took a severe amount of punishment in those closing rounds.

The challenger was the master now. He was cool in his defensive work and a sharpshooter with either hand on the attack.

No matter how the game Berlenback kept charging forward, plunging in for what he expected to result in the knockout of the challenger, Delaney's agility kept him away from the champ's hardest punches and what he couldn't avoid, he cleverly parried. That's the kind of a battle it was in those final rounds.

The nearest approach in recent years to "Bright Eyes" Delaney was Sugar Ray Robinson in his prime. Picture Ray at the height of his career and you'll get a pretty good picture of the French Canadian whose marvelous performance at Ebbets Field gained for him a niche in the Fistic Hall of Fame.

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On TV—see the Wednesday Night Fights

WERE DEMPSEY'S FISTS LOADED?

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Certainly Dempsey's physical powers waned as the years rolled into Father Time's books. But the Dempsey who knocked out Billy Miske, Bill Brennan, Georges Carpentier, and Luis Firpo, the Dempsey who outpointed Tommy Gibbons, and lost twice to Gene Tunney, did not hit with anything like the telling force and punishing quality which stood out in the toppling of Willard.

JESS WENT OUT AS NO OTHER CHAMPION DID

The end of the slaughter was unlike the finish of any other fight for the heavyweight championship of the world. Willard was sitting in his corner, thoroughly aware of what was going on, in the recess after the third round.

After 47 seconds of the rest period had elapsed, and certainly not, as some wrote, after the bell had rung for the fourth round, Willard called referee Ollie Pecord over to him and said that he was not able to continue.

Ike O'Neill, Jess's chief second, heaved a towel into the ring and Dempsey became the heavyweight champion of the world.

Most of the 19,000 spectators took the end of the fight with little grace. Willard was hooted roundly, but this hardly was just. He had given his best and had gone as far as he could.

How far could he have gone if Dempsey had not been equipped with Deforest's "hard adhesive tape"? That's hard to say. It seems far fairly certain that Jack would have won the title that afternoon in any circumstances. He was the better fighter.

Jess could have made it look better, and taken his quietus while lying on the canvas. But, no matter what might be said about Willard as a fighter, it could not be denied that he was game. Only a very game man could have rallied and counter rallied, in the face of that terrific beating, in the third round.

Jess jarred Dempsey with lefts to the mouth, and for a while it looked as if Willard would turn the tide. But the Kansan had taken too much.

If Willard had not retired when he did, there might have been serious consequences. Plaster or adhesive tape, the fact remained that Dempsey had been shelling Jess with deadly effect. Jess was no kid. He was 38 years of age if one wanted to believe the book. Report had it that the Behemoth from Pottawatomie was over 40.

Dempsey, on the other hand, was only 24, in the full flush of youth.

Willard had a big family, Dempsey was just a youngster setting out. Jess had to do some worrying about his wife and kids.

SEVEN TIMES FLOORED IN RECORD FIRST ROUND

The plaster of Paris theory is supported strongly by the fact that the 187 pound Dempsey sent the 245 pound 6 feet 6½ inches Willard to the canvas no fewer than seven times in the first round, a record for a heavyweight title fight.

Willard came into the ring overconfident. In fact, he had told Tex Rickard, who promoted the fight, that he was afraid he might injure Jack badly. Rickard assured Jess that Dempsey could take care of himself.

Willard was a 3 to 2 favorite, with plenty of backing for the challenger. It was from 15 to 20 against a knockout victory for Dempsey in the first round, and lots of Dempsey takers.

Jess trained rather lackadaisically. His road work was sketchy. His boxing was unenthusiastic. Dempsey, on the other hand, worked hard, up early and out on the road before it got too hot. The hot spell, the climax of which came on July 4, had extended through the previous week.

That there would be a new champion became apparent before the fight had gone two minutes.

To be exact and precise, 1 minute 58 seconds after the opening gong, Dempsey landed a terrific right to the jaw, and sent the Kansan down, the first of those seven knockdowns in that round.

Relentlessly, Jack mauled and belted the giant, until Willard's face was a swollen, bruised mass resembling a hamburger, and his body a collection of angry welts.

There was an odd development at the close of the first round. Willard was reeling around the ring, not knowing where he was or what he was doing like a man in a stupor.

Dempsey tore after his prey like a lion ripping an antelope. Down went Willard.

At this point the bell came to Jess's rescue. But Referee Pecord had not heard the gong because of the pandemonium. He preceded to count ten over Jess, and Jack, believing himself the winner, dashed from the ring.

However, Pecord was appraised of his error, and Dempsey was called back, to continue the slaughter.

STORY, ROUND BY ROUND, CREDITS PLASTER THEORY

The best story of the fight, round by round, punch by punch, may be found in "Jack Dempsey, the Idol of Fistiana", written by Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of The Ring Magazine. It was published in 1929 and has come out in several editions since.

Fleischer, the late Charley Mathison and the writer were covering the event for The Sun, morning paper of New York. Here is Nat's blow by blow, which backs up the plaster story with vehemence:—

Round One—Dempsey was first to land, feinting with his right and shooting the left to the ribs, the impact making a noise like a baseball bat swatting a base drum. Willard poked out his long left at Jack but failed to land.

Willard tried again and reached Dempsey's face with a left. That aroused Jack to a savage attack. Whipping his left to the champ's right eye, he followed with a powerful right over the heart that jarred the title holder.

Willard pulled himself together, assumed the aggressive and cut loose with several left hand blows that had they been effective would have wrought much damage, but Jack sidestepped each. Then, with a panther-like spring, Dempsey was upon his giant foe plying him with lefts and rights until he had the champ swaying from side to side. He was in distress and was puffing heavily.

The Big Kansan wavered momentarily then sank to the canvas for the first knockdown he had ever received. With some difficulty he got to a sitting position and then to one knee from which he rose at the count of six.

As soon as he had regained his feet, Jack was at him and showered him with terrific blows. Down went Jess again, this time for a count of eight. Now his right eye, that had been Dempsey's target, was gone. Blood was trickling from his mouth and nose.

Smashing blows brought Jess down for the third count. When he tottered to his feet, Dempsey again floored him with a savage assault. It didn't seem possible he could get to his feet, but he did, to the amazement of all.

He was now in a pitiful state. Twice more the champion went down and with a remarkable exhibition of gameness he struggled up each time only to be floored by three left hooks for the seventh down.

PECORD PULLED BONER BUT IT WAS EXCUSABLE

He was counted out by Referee Pecord who hadn't heard the bell ending the round and then followed wild scenes. The referee had raised Jack's hand in token of victory and he quickly left the ring only to be called back by the shouts of Jack Kearns who had been informed that the round had terminated before the official ten had been tolled over the Pottowatomie Giant.

Willard had to be dragged to his corner. The seven knockdowns suffered by Willard in that opening round constituted a record for a heavyweight title bout.

Round Two—As the men faced each other, Dempsey rushed out in an effort to end the bout. He forced the issue and Jess, weakened as he was from the early punishment, was unable to do much against his aggressive foe. He appeared helpless as Dempsey cut loose with another barrage but he was over anxious and exerted himself trying for the kayo. Every now and then Jack would go after the swollen eyes of Big Jess, who, outclassed, outpunched and out-manoeuvered, couldn't defend himself but showed true gameness. He did strike back several times but lacked the steam to turn the tide of battle.

He was staggered often, but so much energy had Dempsey expended in that opening round, that he couldn't put Jess away nor even drop him in the second frame. As the round ended, Willard was staggered and had to be escorted as he walked to his corner.

Round Three—Dempsey began where he had left off in the second round. He hit the champion almost at will with lefts and rights, staggered him, had his knees buckling under him, but lacked the force to drop him again. Willard scarcely made a return.

Backed against the ropes, he tried to shield his head and body with his long arms from the rein of blows showered upon him from all angles. His right eye was tightly closed. His left almost so. His face was swollen, his lips puffed and the claret was flowing freely from nose and mouth.

Toward the end of the round he called upon his fast ebbing strength and landed one stinging blow to Jack's jaw, an uppercut that hurt, but that was the end of his efforts. As they got into a clinch, Jack smiled, pulled away and sent Jess staggering as the bell sounded.

Jess was in terrible condition. It took all his handlers to get him to his chair from which he failed to rise for the next round. He called to referee Pecord to halt the slaughter and a new champion had been born on the shores of Maumee Bay. Jack Dempsey had won the title.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

HOUSTON, TEXAS, BENNY KING'S TREMENDOUS YOUNG HEAVYWEIGHT HOPEFUL, Roy Harris, 185, edged a little closer to a ranking position as he used a spearing left jab and a good sharp right cross to gain a unanimous ten round decision over plodding Charley Norkus, 198. Chillin' Charley could never connect with one of those bombs he's noted for tossing.

Lojuin Burks, 200, Houston, stopped Austin's Johnny Hollins, 190, in the fifth round of semi-windup.

Baltazar "Junior" Flores, 125, Port Arthur, slam banged his way to a six round win over Hammerin' Henry Luera, 130, Houston, in a thriller. The Hammer, a better than average belter, had the bombs in his pocket all night. Flores remains undefeated. Teddy "Red Top" Mosely, 143, Mobile, suffered a badly cut eye in the first round with the Beaumont tough boy, Curt Woolwine, 145, and could not come out for the second round. The bout was declared a technical draw under Texas rules. In the four round curtain raiser, Johnny Hopkins, 147, Cut and Shoot, edged tall Robert E. Lee, 149, Houston, in a close one.

▶Austin, Texas, Earl Evans, Promoter—Before 1,050 cheering fans Al Boudreaux, New Orleans' Fighting Frenchman, proved that he is now in the best shape of his five year pro career, by battling it out on even terms with the State's number one lightweight, Valentine Luna, Austin, in the ten round main go of Promoter Earl Evans outstanding fight card. The aggressive Boudreaux started slowly, and was outboxed by the taller Luna, for the first two rounds, but his persistent attack gained momentum and he was rougher than the proverbial cob after that. Boudreaux came in at 136, Luna at 134.

Gil Tapia, 136, San Antonio, hammered out a ten round victory over Gentleman Jim Brewer, 136, Austin, in the semi-final. It was a rough go all the way. Frankie Duran, Austin, drew in six with Frank Valdez, San Antonio. They're bantams. Frankie Corpus, 138, Austin, stopped crowd pleasing Charles Patterson, 139, Austin, in the fifth round. Norris Burse, 159, Corpus Christi, iced Lester Earls, 101, Austin.

▶Lake Charles, Louisiana, Earl DeMary, Promoter—Dynamic punching Floyd East, Lake Charles' undefeated lightweight sensation, rocked the veteran Pete Sanchez into submission in the fifth round of Promoter Earl DeMary's fistic presentation at Lake Charles. East is coming on, and is ready to step out after bigger game—keep an eye on this kid. He won 116 amateur bouts, 87 by knockout. East scaled 137, Sanchez 143.

Al Boudreaux, Fighting Frenchman from New Orleans, was at it again in the six round semi-final. He met the experienced Sonny Lane, Mobile toughie, and scored a sensational five round victory. Lane suffering from a busted smeller was covered with blood when the third man decided to halt proceedings. Boudreaux had been dropped in the first round by a sneak right hand. Al weighed 135, Lane 136.

In another six, fast moving Ervin Chaline, 141, emerged victorious in his battle with rough-tough Charley "El Gato" Saenz, 145, San Antonio.

▶Dallas, Texas, Lew Gray, Promoter—Donnie Fleeman, hard hitting Midlothian lightheavy, hammered out his third win over gangling Ted Poole, Wichita, in a riotious ten round feature attraction. Fleeman closed fast to nail down the win. All three bouts between the two 175 pounders have been extremely close.

Johnny Victor Penn, 161, Houston's ten year vet, applied the finisher to A. J. "Concrete" McCoy, 160, Dallas, in the fifth round of the semi-final. Frank Lawson, 174, Dallas, was a six round winner over Jimmy Smith, 164, Wichita. Mickey Brown, 159, Houston's stiff socking Milby High school youngster, stopped Harry Patterson, 161, Los Angeles, in the fourth round. Teddy "Red Top" Mosely, 141, Mobile, won over Henry Watson, 134, Dallas, in the four round opener.

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

JIM HEGERLE, ST. PAUL MIDDLEWEIGHT, WON A DECISION OVER BILL TYREE Omaha, in a ten round main event at the St. Paul Auditorium. The St. Paul middleweight, 159, had to make the action and force the fight all the way. Tyree was knocked down and through the ropes in the ninth round.

Terry Rindal, St. Paul, 168, fast coming middleweight, won by a knockout over Adel Olson, Omaha, 185, in two rounds. Don Weller, 148, St. Paul, decisioned Chuck Livingston, Winnipeg, 150, in six rounds. Ted Pelzer, St. Paul, 163, won by a tko over Tom Maynard, Duluth, 167, in three rounds.

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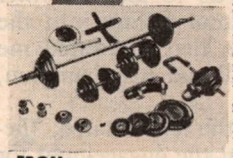

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NAT FLEISCHER SAYS

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HOORAY FOR NEW YORK! IT GETS A TITLE FIGHT

The first championship bout alloted to New York City, since the Marciano-Moore affair, has been arranged for December 12 when Sugar Ray Robinson faces the tough hombre from Utah, Gene Fullmer in Madison Square Garden. It took almost three months of negotiation before Ray could be induced to sign to defend his crown against the Westerner.

Why? Not because he feared the outcome but because as champion Robinson figured he was entitled to the entire fighters' share, if he could get it. He held out until he got almost what he went after—rather a greedy deal.

Never since Jim Norris took over the reins of the I.B.C. which comprises practically all major ring operation in the United States, has he staged a title bout in which a contender received so little as the 12½ percent agreed upon as Fullmer's purse—win, lose or draw.

Not only did Robinson insist on this small percentage for Gene when he found it impossible to wean away all of the boxers' share, but is to receive $100,000 guarantee and all of the fighters' TV share of $100,000 to be paid by the Pabst-Mennen sponsors.

Where is our Boxing Commission? Doesn't a situation like this call for an investigation, or is it only the small fry that is hailed before the tribunal?

BOXERS' TAX SITUATION NEEDS SHARP REVISION

Joe Louis' tax problems have brought many messages discussing his plight and giving suggestions on how to aid him and what to do to prevent other famous ringmen from falling into the same puddle. One that interested me related to Al Weill and his champion, Rocky Marciano.

"If you recall," the letter stated, *"before Weill accepted the engagement for Rocky with Archie Moore his legal advisor and accountant sought the help of the Internal Revenue Department relative to spreading Rocky's taxes over a period of years as has been done in other fields.*

"The argument presented was that a boxer's period of employment didn't last long and a champion's chances for a big take was even shorter and because of that situation, the spread of taxes over a period of four years was requested. Why not the same procedure for all boxers?"

I like the idea. I feel that the present system of taxation is unjust so far as boxers are concerned. A champion may obtain $300,000 as his share in one fight, then finds it to his advantage to remain idle for the rest of the year because, no matter how big a gate he can command in a subsequent bout for the crown, little would be left for him. Uncle Sam would get the bulk.

Who suffers? Both the government and the fight game.

BABE ZAHARIAS PREACHED MOST EFFECTIVE SERMON

The death of Babe Didrikson Zaharias, wife of the famous wrestler, has brought to the front more so than ever, the true meanings of Courage and Perseverance. It was after one of the greatest and most gallant battles of a great career that she finally succumbed to cancer.

The greatest woman athlete of her time, Babe left the human race a rich heritage—the will to win in a sportsmanlike manner.

When one watches some of our top boxers, he wonders what they could accomplish if they possessed the grit and determination of Babe Zaharias!

LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

In Honolulu, Larry Marino, stepson of a famous dad in boxing, former world flyweight king Dado Marino, after making fine headway in the Amateur ranks, decided on a pro career. Instead of waiting to take his chance in the Olympic Games as he had contemplated, the edict of the Olympic Committee that no athlete be permitted to compete who contemplated entering the money ranks after the games, prompted Larry to turn in his A.A.U. card.

He is 21 years old. His record as an amateur is very good and Dado thinks that Larry has what it takes to enable him to get to the top, a position Dado held before retiring to turn to a beer salesman.

JACK SOLOMANS HAS LITTLE TO DO MUCH

Joe Bygraves, the British Empire heavyweight king quit at the end of the fifth round of his fight with Wayne Bethea at the St. Nicholas Club in New York. In doing so he disappointed his followers who had hoped for a better performance in his U. S. debut. The Britisher, who hails from the West Indies, had taken a mandatory count of eight in Bethea's corner during the fifth after being downed and when he went to his corner, he announced that he could not continue.

With the unsatisfactory bout in London between Ezzard Charles, the American and Dick Richardson who was being primed for a British title shot, it put Jack Solomons, into a tight spot in his promotions. Charles was disqualified in the second round for holding but Richardson did little to enthuse the British in his victory.

Where are the British going from here? There is little talent left.

LATEST BOXING BOOKS

"The Olympic Cavalcade of Sports", the most recent and most complete book on the Olympic Games since John Kieran published his volume, has come off the press. The author is John V. Grombach, a former West Pointer who was a member of Uncle Sam's team and is now on the Executive Committee of the U. S. Olympic Body. It is the first pocket book size on this subject and sells for 35 cents.

It is an excellent guide and is highly recommended.

Books on boxing are coming into their own again. More have been published this year than at any time in the past decade. Henry Armstrong, former triple title holder, has written his autobiography, "Gloves, Glory and God." In it, he recounts a dramatic story of his career from a child of a sharecropper raised in the tough St. Louis slums, through the struggle to the top rung of the fistic ladder and then into the field of religion as an ordained minister.

His book and my latest biography, "Joe Louis Legend", will make excellent reading for the Yuletide season.

FLEISCHER IS OFF FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

Nat Fleischer, Editor and Publisher of The Ring Magazine, went winging off for Australia for the Olympic Games at Melbourne. He will pay special attention to the international boxing tournament and will be on the alert for another Floyd Patterson who won a title for Uncle Sam at the Helsinki games.

On his way he took in the Olympic tryouts in California, stopped off for four days at Hawaii, spent five days in the Fiji Islands where a special sports carnival was staged in his honor with boxing, wrestling and native dancing on the program, then proceeded to Sydney and Melbourne.

Arrangements have been made for him to lay the corner stone for the Les Darcy Memorial at Maitland and to speak at the Auckland, New Zealand Boxing Association Carnival and at Tamaru, New Zealand, the homeland of the Fitzsimmons family, where Freckled Bob made his boxing start.

From the Olympic Games, Fleischer will fly to other countries in that far off part of the world to bring to Ring readers first hand information of what is going on in boxing in locales which receive little attention in our sports pages. His foreign discoveries on past world trips have made the headlines through their rise to top ranking positions in world boxing.

WISE GUYS

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through with the bout.

During the pre-fight instructions, the referee stipulated that in the event of a knockdown, the boxer scoring it would go to a neutral corner. It's a familiar part of all referees' instructions now, but it was something new in those days; at least to Leonard. He had never heard it but, ever the opportunist, he made the most of the unexpected chance. Glancing around the ring, he casually asked the referee: *"Which corner will I go to?"*

The smile that had graced cocky Mitchell's features until that moment froze into a queer grimace. Richie seemed stunned. There never has been a gamer fighter in any ring than the Milwaukeean, but that psychological punch of Leonard's jolted his confidence and the fight was largely decided then and there, although it wasn't until the seventh round that Leonard made it official.

One of the neatest bits of strategy we've ever witnessed—although it entailed a dangerous gamble—was in the Johnny Buff-Abe Goldstein bout for the American flyweight title in 1921.

Buff and Goldstein were the survivors of a nation-wide tourney to determine the championship. The bout was staged in New York's Manhattan Casino.

Goldstein, well schooled by his manager, former fighter Willie Lewis, not only was a fine boxer but a vicious hitter for a little fellow. Buff's plan was to enveigle Abe into leading his right, then beating him to the punch with his own right.

In the first round Johnny, boxing cautiously, maneuvered to draw a right lead from Golstein, but Abe, on the defensive, would not be trapped. In the second round Buff gambled. He deliberately stepped into one of Goldstein's stiff left jabs and reeled back. Abe, thinking he had hurt Buff, rushed in and fired his right.

It was split-second timing on Buff's part, but the gamble paid off. Johnny's own right shot out, and it was just a mite faster than Goldstein's. Down went Abe, and the fight was over.

There probably has never been a trickier ringster than Kid McCoy, of the "corkscrew punch." It was the Kid who, among other things, originated the shoe lace gimmick. He'd suddenly stop fighting, step back, point to the floor and advise his opponent that his lace was untied. When the unsuspecting victim would drop his guard and look down at his feet, McCoy would haul off and belt him on the chin.

The Kid's most spectacular coup was the one that netted him the welterweight title in 1896. McCoy had served a term as sparring partner for Tommy Ryan, then champion. While studying Ryan's style, the Kid made certain he didn't reveal too much of his own talents to Tommy. Later McCoy, pleading the need of a "payday," asked Ryan to meet him in a championship bout in Maspeth, on Long Island. Glad to do a "favor" for a former hired hand, Tommy consented. Thinking he had a soft touch, Ryan didn't train as conscientiously as he should have. He paid a stiff price for being out-smarted by shrewd McCoy. The Kid grabbed the title from him.

As a tribute to one of the finest boxers and ring generals the trade had known, the New York State Athletic Commission, during the mid-'20s, raised its age limit from 38 to 45 to enable former welterweight champion Jack Britton to collect a fresh bankroll. Britton had lost most of his savings in unfortunate investments in Florida and his only means of getting needed cash was by continuing his boxing career. Jack, of course, had no illusions about regaining the 147-pound title, but he was shifty and ringwise enough to take good care of himself in better than ordinary competition when, at 45, he ended a career that had spanned more than a quarter-century of industrious activity.

If space permitted, we could amble on indefinitely with interesting anecdotes from the boxing lives of such "master minds" as Jem Mace, Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, Joe Gans, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Sam Langford, Jack Johnson, Packey McFarland, Freddie Welsh, Mike Gibbons and the many others to whom the expression "Use Your Head" meant something other than butting.

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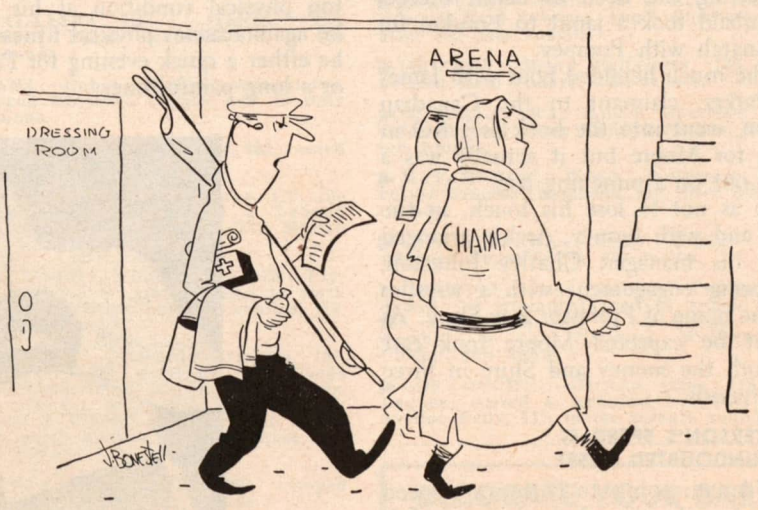

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Marv Jensen, West Jordan, Utah

ARCHIE MOORE OR FLOYD PATTERSON?

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that the caliber of his opponents was not of the best but it served to keep him busy and in shape, one of the most important factors in the life of a fighter over the thirty five year mark.

Moore has been one of the busiest scrappers this year with twelve fights to his credit. He had an exhibition with Dale Hall at Fresno over four rounds to start the year off and help him get into shape.

Feeling that he was ready he took on Howard King, winning in ten, and then knocked out the once highly touted Bob Dunlap in one session. Frankie Daniels was next, decisioned in ten rounds.

Archie fought a return with King and again gained a ten round decision. Willie Bean was knocked out in five. The champ then traveled to Seattle to stop George Parmentier in three. Sonny Andrews and Gene Thompson were disposed of in four and three rounds, respectively.

Feeling the need of ocean breezes Archibald took a jaunt to London for his match with Pompey.

The much heralded bout with James J. Parker, claimant to the Canadian crown, went into the book as a KO in nine for Moore but it actually was a work-out on a punching bag.

So as not to lose his touch, in the ring and with money, Archie arranged with his manager, Charley Johnston, a boxing engagement with a wrestler by the name of Professor Roy Shire. As might be expected Moore took care of both the money and Shire in three fast rounds.

PATTERSON'S SPEED IS AN UNDOUBTED ASSET

D'Amato points to Patterson's speed and legerdemain but he couldn't knock out Hurricane Jackson. Cus further feels that Patterson's youth will be going strong for him in a bout going fifteen rounds.

So far this year Floyd has had three fights and will have no more prior to his meeting with Moore. He knocked out, in two rounds Jimmy Walls, a pretty fair socker. But Walls was not the heavyweight that had been such a spoiler in his division for some years. Time had caught up with him as it may with Moore.

If age didn't have to be reckoned with Moore would be a cinch, but Time has a way of catching up and at forty—it can happen on any night.

Patterson's last two outings were against Alvin Williams, kayoed in three, and Jackson, beaten in 12, split decision.

Boxing experts counter Floyd's lack of efficiency in not icing Jackson to the marvelous ability of the Hurricane to absorb punishment. There is some doubt as to the logic of this analysis.

When both lads tee off on each other on November 30 it will wind up as a survival of the fittest. Patterson has youth and Moore experience with both having a semblance of a punch. Moore is something of a freak in athletics due to his ability to develop top physical condition at his age. If he again reaches physical fitness it will be either a quick evening for Patterson or a long painful one.

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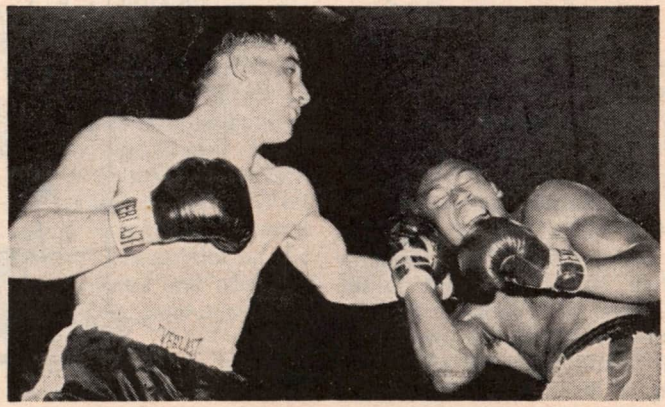

A Big Break. John L. Sullivan, (left) British middleweight, smashes the jaw of Willie Troy during their bout at St. Nicholas Arena, New York. Troy wound up with a broken jaw; Sullivan wound up with the ten rounds decision.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

ENRIQUE ESQUEDA, 136, OUTPOINTED ALVARO GUTIERREZ, 136, in 10. Beto Gonzalez, 135, stopped Marcelino Pena, 136, in 6. Pepe Chavarria, 115, decisioned Chavo Garcia, 117, in 8. Guillermo Gonzalez, 119, won Roberto Mar, 118, by disqualification, in 6. Vicente Leonardo, 132, outpointed Chatito Gonzalez, 132, in 4.

▶ Jose Arguelles, 137, and Jesse Bogart, 137, drew in 10. Juan Lemus, 132, stopped Fernando Ugalde, 133, in 7. Lalo Camarena, 126, drew with Chebo Vazquez, 126, in 8. Tono Coria, 129, outpointed Chocolate Sandoval, 127, in 6. Delfino Caudillo, 132, decisioned Nico Rodriguez, 137, in 4.

▶ German Ohm, 117, decisioned Kildo Martinez, 117, in 10. Carlos Barragan, 134, stopped Pedro Soto, 133, in 8. Nacho Escalante, 115, stopped Chiquilin Torres, 115, in the eighth and last round of their fight. Luis Gallegos, 115, stopped Oaxaca Kid, 115, in 6. Jose Trejo, 124, stopped Luis Aguilera, 122, in 3.

▶ Roque Fernandez, 117, stopped Mario de Leon, 113, in 6. Valentin Rangel, 134, decisioned Negro Cardenas, 136, in 10. Gabriel Navarro, 126, stopped Nacho Rosales, 126, in 6. Armando Mamando Mandujano, 145, stopped Santiago Juarez, 145, in 4. Guillermo Islas, 115, decisioned Servando Hernandez, 114, in 4.

▶ Raul Solis, 129, stopped Bombin Kiriz, 127, in 3. Chucho Mejia, 129, stopped Al Olivera, 129, in 7. Cachorro Meza, 125, decisioned Goyo Campos, 129, in 8. Carlos Loyola, 131, stopped Benny Luna, 133, in 6. Chamaco Reyes, 117, decisioned Chucho Rodriguez, 114, in 4.

▶ Ernesto Figueroa, 127, decisioned Julio Escobedo, 127, in 10. Baby Ruiz, 116, stopped Memo Sanchez, 119, in 6. Lalo Camarena, 124, outpointed Juanene Garcia, 126, in 8. Aurelio Mora, 127, stopped Negro Alfaro, 124, in 3. Alfonso Lima, 127, decisioned Jose Trejo, 123, in 4.

▶ Manuel Armenteros, 121, stopped Papelero Sanchez, 127, in 1. Jorge Gabiño, 125, decisioned Jose Luis Bautista, 123, in 10. Tibico Torres, 111, decisioned Luis Gallegos, 116, in 8. Toño Coria, 128, stopped Enrique Fuentes, 126, in 6. Eloy Sanchez, 118, stopped Mauro Quiroz, 113, in 1.

▶ Ernesto Parra, 121, decisioned Frankie Campos, California, in 10. Jesse Bogart, 136, decisioned Beto Carbajal, 133, in 10. Nacho Escalante, 115, stopped Chocolate Barrera, 116, in 3. Javier Garfias, 118, decisioned Roberto Mar, 116, in 6. Vicente Leonardo, 131, stopped Bernabe Meza, 133, in 2.

▶ Fili Nava defeated Billy Peacock in 10. The match was above the bantamweight limit. Pinky Peralta stopped Joe Borrel in 4. Both are welters.

BOXING IN ENSENADA
By Rodolfo Cuevas

IN THE TWIN MAIN EVENT, GREGORIO MEDINA, 134, lost a technical decision to Tony Smith, 135, and Al (Molote) Cota kayoed welterweight Chato Duarte, Sonora, in the second round.

The referee stopped the Medina-Smith fight in the third round because Medina butted and opened a cut.

In fours, Al Rodriguez, 129, decisioned Mike Servin, 128, and Henry Valdez, 123, stopped Ray Montejano, 125, in the second.

In a six, Aurelio Delgado, 141, using a sharp left, decisioned Babe of Sale, 145.

▶ Baby Canti, 140, kayoed Chico Zermeno, 142, in the second round and Gregorio Medina, 134, decisioned Tony Lopez, 136, in ten, in a double wind-up.

Aurelio Delgado, 136, outpointed Santiago Munoz, 138, in six. Danny Medrano, 108, decisioned Tony El Mecanico, 112, in four, and Al Rodriguez, 138, stopped Daniel Heredia, 134, in four.

▶ The sensational puncher from Tijuana, Baby Canti, 138, lost a ten round decision to Arnoldo Gil, 140, in a good fight.

Isaac (Pelon) Martinez, 160, kayoed Tomas (Gringo) Amador, 157.

Jorge Gonzalez, 122, defeated Rocky Carey, 123, in a six rounder. Danny Medrano, 108, won over Tony Garcia, 110, in four, and Santiago Munoz, 138, beat Augustin del Valle, 140, also in four.

LA LAGUNDA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCE
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

▶ **SALVADOR LUTTEROTH, THE CONTROLER OF ALL MEXICAN BOXING,** started his operations in La Laguna during the month. He is the owner of the Torreón Bullfight Plaza and he has designated popular Nato Chavarria as his promoter. Juan Abusaid and Joe Medina complete the enterprises.

▶ ARENA OLIMPICA, Gómez Palacio:—Sensational youngster Joe Becerra, 118, easily whipped Memo Sánchez, 117, México City, after ten fast rounds. Antonio "Zorrito" Ramírez, 130, stopped Luis Brito, 128, in the eighth. Federico "Chino" González, 127, beat Juan Collazo, 125, in eight rounds.

▶ ARENA OLIMPICA, Gómez Palacio:—"Chino", César Saavedra, 130, got a very split duke over slippery Luis "Tejón" Contreras, 128, after ten hard rounds. Ramón Cervantes, 121, a newcomer, bested Lalo Morales, 123, also in ten. Luis "Chivo" Díaz, 133, decisioned Ray Mejía, 134, in the 8-rounder.

▶ ARENA OLIMPICA, Gómez Palacio:—Carlos Arreguí, 132, landed a right uppercut under Héctor García's chin to put the Durango lightweight to sleep in the second round. Jorge Valverde, 117, kayoed José Luis Salazar, 119, in eight rounds. Luis "Chivo" Díaz, 135, scored another kayo triumph, by stopping Luis Uribe, 133, in only two rounds.

▶ PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreón:—Alfonso Flores, 148, and Gabriel Barragán, 156, drew in ten rounds. The fans booed the verdict. Flores, looking fine after a 6-months rest, boxed splendidly. Manuel "Pinky" Ruiz, 124, got the 10-round decision over Alfonso Ovalle, 125. Daladier Urista, 137, iced Tommy Beltrán, 140, in four rounds.

▶ ARENA OLIMPICA, Gómez Palacio:—Enrique de la Cruz, 126, Mexico City, and Lucio "Borrachito" González, 124, Bantamweight Champ of La Laguna, drew after 10 well-fought rounds. Kid Tabaco, 133, stopped veteran Salvador "Gato" González, 137, in the 4th round.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—Joe Medel, 118, nailed Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 116, in the eighth round.

▶ ORIZABA:—Cuban Manuel Armenteros, 120, stopped Cherokee Olguín, 123, in only three rounds.

▶ CUERNAVACA:—Chuco Olmos, 132, bested Coca Kid, 133, in ten rounds.

▶ TAMPICO:—Manuel Armenteros, 119, the little boy from Cuba, scored a 3-round knockout over Cheto Fernández, 117, Mexico City.

▶ HERMOSILLO:—Memo Diez, 115, Flyweight Champion of America, had to work hard to stop Héctor "Chango" Ceballos, 119, in the sixth round.

▶ LOS MOCHIS:—Everardo Armenta, 137, surprised everybody when he iced Tomás López "El Conscripto", 138, in seven rounds. Tommy lost not only this fight but his rights over a scheduled lightweight championship match against Baby Vázquez, the National Champ.

▶ TIJUANA:—Arnold Hill, 135, stopped Bobby Flores, 136, in four rounds.

▶ TAMPICO:—Juan "Bombín" Padilla, 144, National Welterweight King, KO'd David Cervantes, 147, in seven rounds. Funny nickname gets the Champ: "bombin" means derby-hat in English.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Ernesto Castañeda, 118, de-Coca Kid, 133, in ten rounds.

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▶ TIJUANA:—Gaspar Ortega, 158, got a good victory when he decisioned Hardy Smallwood, 160, after ten rough rounds.

▶ ROSITA:—Raúl Leaños, 118, La Laguna, outpointed Chuy Guerrero, 120, over ten rounds. This was the first fight for the Leaños Kid after his KO-by from German Ohm.

▶ MAZATLAN:—Marcelo González, 119, iced Joe Chamaco, 118, in the third.

▶ CHIHUAHUA:—Sacramento Benitez, 158, only needed but two rounds to send Carlos Martínez, 161, to sleep for keeps.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Carlos Cardoso, 117, son of famous fighter Enrique Cardoso, decisioned Chucho "Kid" Tello, 116, in ten rounds. Ramón González, 125, beat Aurelio Rivero, 126, also in ten. Zurdo Arce, 113, decisioned Chiquis Rodriguez, 114, in eight rounds.

▶ OBREGON:—Memo Diez, 115, knocked out Ramón "Chino" Young, 120, in nine rounds. Chamaco Ortiz, 127, stopped Bravo Roque, 130, in six.

▶ ZACATECAS:—Ricardo Manzanillo Jr., 117, went ahead with his record by KO'ing Babe Navarro, 118, in only three rounds.

▶ CULIACAN:—Chamaco Jiménez, 119, got a very valuable triumph by decisioning Dusty Brown, 118, after ten rounds.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Emilio de la Rosa, 125, decisioned hard favorite Angel Guerrero, 127, after ten fast rounds.

▶ ORIZABA:—Memo Baltazares, 126, outpointed Beto Couary, 125, in ten.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—Angel Guerrero, 125, defeated hard hitter Rudy Coronado, 120, in ten rounds.

▶ MATAMOROS:—David Rodríguez, 120, bested Ernesto Castañeda, 119, after ten fast rounds.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—Jesse Bogart, 139, whipped Reyes López, 136, in ten.

▶ OBREGON:—Juan "Bombín" Padilla, 143, damed the triumphal road of Arnold Hill, 138, defeated the boy in ten rounds. Well, Bombín is the National Welterweight Champ, you know. . . .

▶ LOS MOCHIS:—Germán Ohm, 118, La Laguna, scored a technical knockout over Avelino Felix, 117, in the seventh round.

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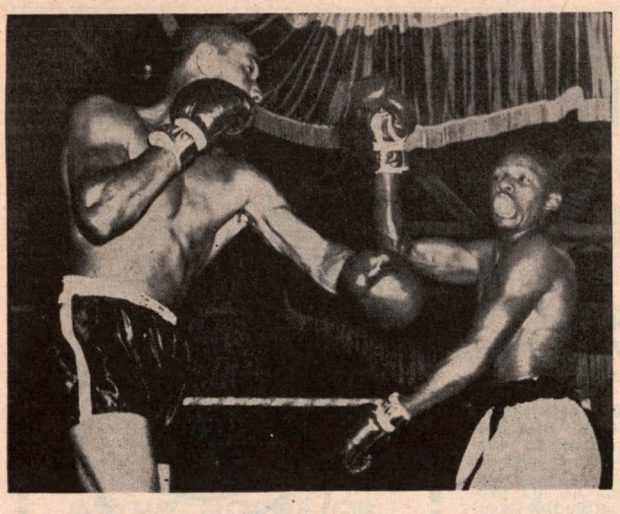

Tony Anthony (left), New York light-heavyweight, bounces a left off Clarence Hinnant's head during ten rounder at Washington, D. C. Anthony won the decision.

MOORE'S TITLE

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he knocked out Battling Levinsky in four rounds at Jersey City. Levinsky retained the American title, only to lose it at old Madison Square Garden, where he was outpointed by Tunney. In turn Gene lost it and then regained it in bouts with Greb.

Meanwhile Carpenter went after the heavyweight title, meeting Jack Dempsey at Boyle's 30 Acres, Jersey City, in what was called the "*battle of the century.*" This one will long be remembered, as the lighter Carpentier rocked the Manassa Mauler with a right to the jaw in the second. Two rounds later the Frenchman was counted out.

While Tunney was graduating into the heavyweight division, the world version of the light-heavyweight title passed from Carpentier to Battling Siki, who made the mistake of defending it against Mike McTigue in Dublin, Ireland, on St. Patrick's Day. The result was what was expected, and it was on Bold Michael's return to America as champion that the light-heavyweights struck gold.

Paul Berlenbach, a rugged exciting puncher, won from McTigue on a disputed decision. Berlenbach was a tremendous attraction and in two title battles with Jack Delaney, drew $148,-155 and $461,789 respectively. Like so many other light-heavyweight champions Delaney invaded the heavyweight class. This made it possible for Loughran to become 175-pound champion by defeating McTigue.

Loughran went after the heavyweight title too, only to be stopped in the third round by Jack Sharkey. This was in 1929, following Tunney's retirement as heavyweight champion, and history was repeating itself. Whenever the heavyweight champion has retired undefeated both the unlimited and 175 pound classes have been disrupted. It was so when James J. Jeffries quit. It is the same today with Marciano in retirement.

There was no one for the 220-pound Jeffries to fight in 1905. He proposed to give the title to the winner of a bout between Marvin Hart and Jack Root, first of the light-heavyweight champions, who had lost the crown to Kid McCoy two years previous. Hart stopped Root in 12 rounds, but nobody took his claim to the heavyweight title seriously.

Anyway Hart was defeated by Tommy Burns, who in turn was challenged by Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, first of the light-heavyweight kings to go after the heavyweight crown. They fought twice, the first a 20 round draw. Burns won the second one and was accepted by public and press as world heavyweight champion.

Tunney was the next heavyweight champ to retire undefeated and we find Loughran, the light-heavyweight king, scrambling for the vacant title. Although turned back by Sharkey, Tommy made fistic history when he eventually got a shot at the heavyweight title. Loughran, recently elected to the Hall of Fame, spotted Primo Carnera 84 pounds, and lost the decision in 15 rounds at Miami early in 1934. Primo scaled 270 pounds.

After Joe Louis retired to be succeeded by Ezzard Charles, one of the challengers was Gus Lesnevich, a former light-heavyweight champion. Ezz stopped Gus in seven rounds and later on took a 15 round decision from Joey Maxim, who was world light-heavyweight king at the time.

In the early days there were no commissions and every thing went. Until recently a champion shooting for a title held by another had to sacrifice his crown. This didn't apply to Maxim and Moore, but prior to World War II John Henry Lewis and Billy Conn both had to surrender 175-pound honors before they were permitted to go against Louis. Now a champion may keep his title if defeated in his try for the crown in the higher division.

Louis knocked out John Henry in a round. Conn carried Louis into the 13th round before Bomber Joe finished him off.

After both bouts the light-heavyweight throne was vacant. Melio Bettina became John Henry Lewis' successor by knocking out Tiger Jack Fox in nine rounds. Lesnevich had to defeat both Anton Christoforidis and Tami Mauriello before he was accepted as Conn's successor as world light-heavyweight champion.

If Patterson should defeat Moore, the latter will go on being light-heavyweight champion, provided he can make the weight. But if Moore wins from Patterson and is crowned heavyweight champion, it will be up to the promoters and commissions to get together and arrange a competition to determine Ancient's Archie's successor.

A Patterson victory would be more likely to bring Marciano out of retirement. Rocky has defeated Moore and there would have little to gain, either in honor or money, by doing it again. With Patterson on his old throne, Marciano's friends are sure to tell him: "You can beat that kid Rock," and the retired champ is going to find it hard not to listen despite the fact that he has repeatedly declared that no amount of money or coaxing will bring him back into ring competition.

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GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

DESPITE JOACHIM GOTTERT'S ILLNESS, his co-worker, Walter Englert staged three shows in September. At Kiel, Willie Besmanhoff stopped Maurice Mols, French champion, at Ostsee Halle. At Westfalen Halle, Dortmund, Peter Muller was kayoed in three rounds by Charles Humez and at Hamburg, Randy Turpin was outpointed by German cruiser champion, Hans Stretz of Berlin. Besmanhoff is undefeated in ten bouts this year.

▶ Essen—Dubois Stadium—Hans Friedrich, Dortmund, outpointed Harry Wills, American heavyweight, in 10 rounds. Pokklesner of Germany drew with welter Harry Moller of Westfalen in 4. Middleweight Herbert Soodman, Essen, won on points over Emil Koch, Wuppertal, in six. Willie Quator, Dortmund lightweight, won in 6 over Stratiu of Greece and Karlheinz Bucher, Essen, beat Leo Starosch, Essen, in six.

▶ At Kiel, Willie Besmanhoff, Berlin, stopped Maurice Mols, French heavyweight champion, in 8. Erich Walter, Hamburg, undefeated in 11 bouts, beat Dante Madella, Italy, in three. Buttje Wohlers, Hamburg, unbeaten in eleven starts, outpointed Giancarlo Brusa, Italy, in 8. Horst Niche, Berlin cruiser, lost in six to Don Ellis, America. Hemut Mistol, Hamburg, drew with Ernesto Ballabio, Italy, in six.

▶ Brussels—Bobby Warmbrunn, Bonn heavyweight, lost to Max Marsille, Belgium, in 8. Fredi Teichman, Berlin welter, was stopped by Richard Bouchez in 10.

▶ At Hagen—Hans Kalbfell scored his eleventh KO in as many starts when he stopped Heinz Seelisch, Kiel, in 3 rounds. Joe Buck, Bochum, won in 4 from Lother Heilman, Augsburg. Walter Storms was stopped by Hans Strelecki, in one. Karlheinz Guder, Herford, ko'ed Lother Heilman in three. Albert Westphal, Hamburg, won in 6 over Horst Harold, Braunschweg.

▶ At Rotterdam—Emil Koch, Wuppertal, lost in 10 to Fritz van Kempen. Albert Mueller, Dusseldorf, lost to Lex Crissy, Holland. Leo Starosch, Essen, was stopped by Joe Lamers, Holland.

▶ Italy—Willie Besmanhoff, Berlin, won in 10 over Artenio Calzavaras, Italy, and Gunter Huber, Frieburg cruiser, was stopped by Francesco Festucci, Italy.

▶ Amsterdam—Gerhard Moll, Germany, drew with Lex Crissy, Holland. Lother Heinann, Germany, beat Zwann of Holland.

VIENNA BOXING
By Leo Vollnhofer

Vienna, Wiener Eislaufverein, 10,000 fans: The main event of big show of the wrestlers was a boxing match between two former very well known prize fighters. Wilson KOHLBRECHER, once powerful German heavyweight, won a narrow points victory against the former South American heavyweight champ, Abel CESTAC, after eight not too hot rounds.

▶ **Vienna, Wiener Eislaufverein,** 5,000 fans: Leo Starosch, Austrian middleweight champ, in his fight against clever Turkish welterweight, Taki ZIYIARIS, was ahead on points until he threw over a wicked left hook to the liver. Taki went down and claimed a foul. To the surprise of all ringsiders, Leo was disqualified for punching below the belt.

In the semi final, heavyweight novice Robert BEDRNIK of Austria, was pitted against vastly more experienced Werner Wiegand of Germany and was knocked out in the first round.

Austrian heavyweight prospect, Louis SENN, won a sloppy six-rounder against Ady BIVERS of Luxembourg. Austrian featherweight, Bert SIMEK, was soundly trounced by SCHEICH of Luxembourg, 8 rounds and in the curtain raiser, Otto NESLADEK returned to the ring after an absence of three years, winning comfortably against newcomer Stefan SCHWARZ, welters, six rounds.

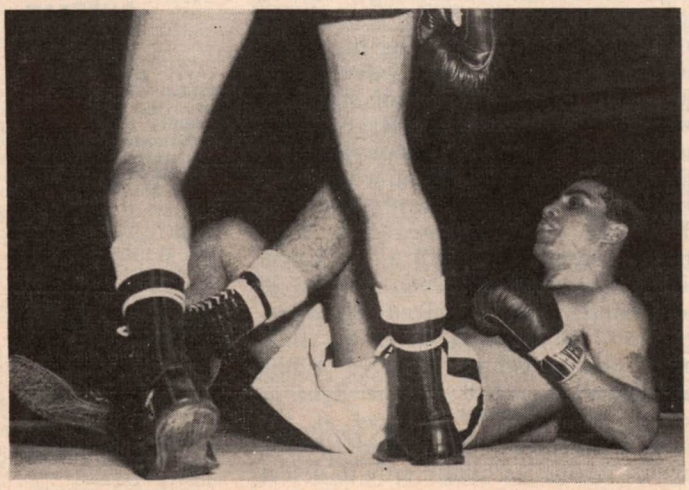
CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

THE STAMFORD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB WITH TONY DE PRETA as promoter, made it's first venture in promoting a highly successful one, with an all star show of four eight rounders and a main event of ten rounds. In the feature, Chico Vejar opposed Ramon Fuentes, 152, of Los Angeles. Vejar at 153 pounds was seeking revenge for a recent loss to Fuentes on the Coast. Fuentes started out fast by winning the first three rounds. In the fourth, Vejar, punching in toe-to-toe exchanges, scored repeatedly with left hooks to the body, opened a cut over Fuentes left eye and won the round by a big margin. From this round on the toe-to-toe exchanges continued with Vejar having a slight edge in each round. The hard fought bout was pleasing to the large crowd of over 5,000 fans who paid in a gross of about $10,000, and referee Billy Taylor's decision in favor of Vejar was well received.

In the four eight round undercard bouts, Art Suffoletta, 136, Bridgeport scored a TKO over Rocky Sullivan, 139, Boston. Sullivan suffering a badly cut eye, the bout being stopped in the sixth round. Jimmy Beau, 159, Norwalk, TKO'd Jimmy Garcia, 161½, Puerto Rico. Beau on leave from the Army had too many guns for the willing Garcia, who was floored four times before the fight was stopped in the fourth round. Rudy Sawyer, 145, Chicago, stopped Jackie O'Brien, 148, Meriden, in the fifth round, with a cut eye. Eddie DeMars, 165, Springfield, Mass. defeated highly regarded Mickey McGrath, 166, Greenwich.

▶ Hartford's newest fistic sensation, Billy Lynch, proved he belongs in the welterweight picture, by defeating in one-sided fashion, his second name opponent in a row. Some weeks ago, Lynch, defeated Luther Rawlings by winning 9 out of 10 rounds. In his latest fight, Lynch at 147, defeated Al "Sugar" Wilson, 150, Englewood, N. J., again winning 9 out of 10 rounds.

In other bouts, Dennis McCann, 188, Hartford, stopped Willie Woods, 183, Springfied, in the second of a scheduled six. In a listed four, James Monts, 168, Hartford, was awarded a TKO victory over new comer Walter Campbell, 173, Albany, in the third round. Campbell sustaining a cut eye. In another four, two New Britain Boys, Johnny Love, 170, met Sugar Ray Pate, 168½, Pate after flooring Love in the first round was KO'd in the third. Also in a four, George "Kid" Ross, 132, Hartford defeated Nick Devanno, 129, Norwich, after suffering a first round knockdown. This was a good opening show for promoter Sam Gulino and Matchmaker Gus Browne. The 618 attending fans contributed to a gross of $1,161.00.



Danny Giovanelli hits the deck after taking a solid left uppercut to the jaw from Joe Miceli in the second round of their welterweight seto at St. Nick's in New York. Danny came back fighting but dropped a unanimous decision in ten fast rounds.

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THE LEFT SIDE OF THE STORY

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Gavvy licked his chops when he climbed into the ring and then proceeded to massacre the outgunned youngster, stopping him in the tenth round.

Murphy's popularity zoomed him to a title crack at lightheavyweight champion Joey Maxim on Aug. 22, 1951. Pal Joey pitched a shutout that night, jabbing Murphy silly and chopping the ex-tar into a bloody hulk.

Irish Bobby, a most likeable fellow, could have become the first universally recognized lefthander to rule the 175-pound division if he could have beaten Maxim. Melio Bettino won New York recognition as champion when John Henry Lewis gave up the cruiserweight crown to mix with the big boys. Melio stopped Tiger Jack Fox in nine rounds on Feb. 4, 1939 to win favor in New York but he lost a 15-rounder to Billy Conn for international recognition on Sept. 25, 1939.

The southpaws have gone all the way in five of the other seven divisions. They haven't been able to make it in the heavyweight as well as lightweight classes.

Al McCoy, Johnny Wilson and Tiger Flowers—southpaws all—held the middleweight title. Lou Brouillard won the welterweight crown and gained New York recognition as middleweight boss too. Young Corbett III was another lefthanded welterweight ruler. Freddie Miller carried the southpaw banner to the featherweight peak while two lefty foreigners, Australian bantamweight Jimmy Carruthers, and Scottish flyweight Jackie Paterson, ruled their divisions.

Although the above named nine were the only southpaws to win titles, or pieces of them, they have made places for themselves in the record book, both on the positive and negative side.

Three of them, Paterson, Miller and McCoy, have the distinction of accomplishing the fastest knockouts for title fights in their divisions, and Carruthers turned in the second quickest. Young Corbett III, however, has the dubious honor of being the quickest victim in a welterweight title scrap. Jimmy McLarnin dethroned Corbett in 2:37 of the first round on May 30, 1933.

Paterson flattened Peter Kane, in 1:01 of the first at Glasgow, Scotland, June 19, 1943. Miller sent Jose Girones to dreamland at Barcelona in 2:30 of the first round on Feb. 17, 1935. McCoy, supposedly a pay day opponent for George Chip, belted out Chip in just 45 seconds on April 6, 1914 at New York. If ever a fight proved there is no such thing as a sure thing, that was it.

Carruthers knocked the crown from Vic Toweel's brow in just 2:19 at Johannesburg on Nov. 15, 1952. The bantamweight title record, however, is 1:15, set by Terry McGovern in stowing away Pedlar Palmer, Sept. 12, 1899 at Tuckahoe, N. Y.

The Australian set plenty of records, and more important, made himself a nice nestegg. He won the title in his 15th fight to become Australia's first universally recognized world boxing champion, and retired with an unblemished 19-0 record, including 11 knockouts. No other bantamweight ever posted an all-winning record.

Knockout Brown never was a champion, although he fought several titleholders and gave them a hard time. Brown, whose real name was Valentine Braun, was another prime example of why even the best fighters found southpaws difficult to solve.

A lightweight, standing only 5 feet, 3¼ inches, Knockout was a terrific puncher. In 1908 alone, he flattened 30 opponents.

George Barton, the former NBA president and Minneapolis Tribune sports writer, always chuckles when he recalls Brown's fight with lightweight champion Ad Wolgast.

"*Knockout Brown was not only a southpaw but he was cross-eyed,*" said Barton, a onetime boxer. "*A solid puncher, too.*" After Wolgast finished the tough fight, he was ready to swear off southpaws.

"*'How you gonna fight him when you think he's looking out of the window but he's looking at you*' said Wolgast afterwards."

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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Army's Ed Cole earned a hard victory over Pacific's Bob Artherton. Sammy Rollins, 2nd Army, knocked Europe's Vern Lee down twice in the first round of the lightweight class and then ko'd his foe in 2:25 with a grazing right upper cut to Lee's jaw, in the light-welterweight division, Bill Eldridge, AFFE, scored a close victory over 2nd Army's Freddie Taylor by outlasting his foe in the final round. In the welterweight class, 4th Army's Pearce Lane staggered Jim Wakefield, USAREUR, twice in the first round with vicious left and right jabs to the head. Lane went on to win the fight. Second Army's knockout artist Jose Torres scored his third straight tourney KO with a TKO over Dillard Jackson, 4th Army, in 2:36 of the second. Torres stalked his opponent until an opening came and then sent Jackson reeling. Referee Eddie Lafond called a halt to the fight as Jackson staggered to his feet at the count of nine. Dick Lee, USAREAUR, staged a terrific last round rally to defeat Hermon Carroll, 4th Army, in the middleweight class, bringing Europe up to a tie with 3rd Army with 17 points apiece. Boyd's win in the next bout iced the championship for 3rd Army.

Joe Brown, the new lightweight champion of the world, started boxing in the Navy during WWII.

Gene Tunney, ex-heavyweight boxing champ, recently visited Japan to spend some time with his son Jonathan, who is stationed there with the Marines. It was in the Marine Corps that Gene got his start in boxing. He won the Parris Island, S. C., championship in 1917; the Quantico, Va., title in 1918 and the American Expeditionary Force crown in France in 1919.

Former lightweight contender Georgie Araujo, who boasted a 56-7-1 record before his induction a year ago, is putting on the gloves at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

MEN OF ACTION

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ing all types of opponents in places all over the States. The twenty-four year old southpaw has been boxing as a pro since 1953. He has been in forty-eight bouts, seven this year, and has fought in New York, New Orleans, Halifax, Grand Rapids, Milwaukee, Mount Pleasant, Mich., Mexico City, Lansing, Detroit, Muskegon, St. Paul, Saginaw, Chicago, Minneapolis, Miami and Miami Beach. He has turned in victories over Larry Boardman, Ralph Dupas, Glen Flanagan, Orlando Zulueta, Richie Howard, Armand Savoie, and Hoacine Khalfi.

Kenny has moved ahead by fighting, while others who outshone him at the start, have fallen by the wayside while waiting for the big money TV shots.

These lads and their managers have proven if it is action they want, it can be found but you have to meet the challenge half-way. You can't just sit idle and talk about the tough time boxing is having. It is what the managers make it. They have it in their power to keep the pot boiling.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK
By Hugh Shannon

TWO ONE-TIME FAVORITES OF BUFFALO BOXING FANS during the roaring twenties returned here for visits with old friends during the past few weeks. Dick Loadman who fought all the good ones in his day as a near-champion bantamweight passed through Buffalo on his way to Canada for a fishing expedition. Loadman was great . . . one of the most powerful 118-20 pounders of his day. He stopped Johnny Ertle in their Milwaukee fight and held Champion Kid Williams to an even-up battle at Buffalo. Dick met Joe Lynch at Madison Square Garden and when Lew Tendler was fighting at 120 pounds he and Loadman put up a terrific battle at the old Olympia club in Philadelphia. It was a newspaper decision and Loadman was declared the winner by some of the sports writers.

The other bantam star to come back for a Buffalo sojourn was Tommy Ryan, who fought Abe Goldstein for the world's bantamweight champion and did well against the best 118-20 pounders of his day. Tommy was a clever, two-fisted scrapper and an elusive target.

RATINGS

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Yvon Durelle kayoed Garafola, 1, and beat Chubby Wright, 10. Gary Donnie Fleeman defeated Ted Poole, 10.

Australian champion Ricardo Marcos held to surprising draw by Ernie (Bull) Hughes, 12. Wenzel Boozik kayoed De Groot of Belgium, 3.

Ruben Hernandez kayoed Eddie Jenkins, 8. Frank McGary stopped John Riggins 2, and beat Gene White, 6. Karl-Heinz Bucher decisioned Austrian champion Leo Starosch, 6. Pat Roberts lost to heavyweight Joey Rowan, 8.

Ted Doncaster kayoed Augie Turiano, 3. Terry Rindel kayoed Mel Olson, 2, beat Billy Tyree, 6, and drew with Rudy Ellis, 6. Eddie DeMars whipped Leroy Allen, 6.

John Carroll outpointed Garth Panter, 6. Archie Whitfield kayoed Tiger Jackson, 1.

Johnny Hayden kayoed Charley Earl, 3. Jim Robinson beat Cortez Stewart, 5. Pat Edgington stopped Art Cooper, 6. Monroe Ratliff won over Frankie Haynes, 6.

Elvin Green outscored Donnie Fleeman, 12. Harvey Taylor kayoed Clyde Watson, 4. Eddie DeMars outscored Joe Shaw, 10. Frank Lawson defeated Jimmy Smith, 6. George Jarosch stopped Tom Ritchie, 4. Cortez Stewart whipped Jimmy Grover, 5.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Gene Fullmer kayoed Moses Ward, 3. European champion Charley Humez kayoed Peter Muller, 3.

British champion Pat McAteer retained laurels by stopping Lew Lazar, 4. Ralph Jones whipped Wilf Greaves, 10. Joey Giardello kayoed Bobby Boyd, 5.

Willie Vaughn upset Charley Joseph, 10, Joseph won over Al Hauser, 10. Charley Cotton outscored Henry Hank, 10, but lost to Spider Webb, 10. Clarence Cook edged out Del Flanagan, 10.

British champion Pat McAteer outboxed Jerry Luedee, 10. Tiberio Mitri decisioned Constant Alcantara, 10. Jimmy Martinez stopped Dick Lane, 10, and bested Bob Terrance, 10.

Richard Kelly kayoed Chico Varona, 8. Al Andrews defeated Leroy Green, 10. Germinal Ballarin stopped Louis Trochon on eye cuts, 4. Don Williams outscored Maurice Jenkins, 10, but lost to Barry Allison, 12.

Austrian champion Leo Starosch lost to Karl-Heinz Bucher, 6, and to Taki Ziyaris on disqualification, 3. Bobby Lane stopped Fernando Spallotta, 10.

South African champion Mike Holt stopped Stoffel Duplessis, 2. Jimmy Hegerle defeated Bill Tyree, 10. Max Resch held to draw by Domingo Lopez, 8. Al Williams stopped Fred Lewis, 3.

Cliff Schellin bested Vincente Echevarria, 10. Battling Siki defeated Young Gavilan, 10. Hachiro Tatsumi beat Teruo Matsuyama, 10.

Kid Zacatecas kayoed Turkey Thomas, 6. Paul Perkins bested Chet Sheppard, 6. Drew Cook kayoed Babe McCarron, 8.

Izzac Martinez kayoed Tomas Amador, 2. Tony Montana kayoed Jimmy Tucker, 3. Max Resch drew with Domingo Lopez, 8. Addy Mueller beat Claus Miska, 6.

James Ransom defeated Leffie Walker, 6. Buddy Baer bested Kid Colorado, 8. Jesse Gray beat Johnny Johnson, 6.

Juan Pomare whipped Leroy Allen, 6. Gomeo Brennan and Henry Brown drew, 6. Larry Maldonado stopped Henry Bronko, 6.

Jerry Fowler beat Henry Brown, 6. Al Andrews won over Leroy Green, 10.

Rory Calhoun stopped Johnny Sullivan, 8. Baby Linares defeated Mel Collins, 10; Mel also lost to Mike Campbell, 6. European Champion Charley Humez retained title by stopping Italian champion Franco Festucci, 13. Ernie Durando stopped Fernando Spalotta, 7. Sacramento Benitez kayoed Carlos Martinez, 2; Carlos was also kayoed by George Boddie, 9. Martin Hansen whipped Jean Ruellet, 8.

Andres Selpa won the South American title by stopping Eduardo Lausse, 13. Clarence Cook outpointed Del Flanagan, 10. Luis Villa kayoed Pedro Armenteros, 5. Jimmy Martinez outscored Dick Goldstein, 10. Al Heard and Hank Casey drew, 8. Jimmy Franklin stopped Willis Boyd, 5.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Charlie Sawyer scored over Virgil Akins, 10. Joe Miceli defeated Danny Giovanelli, 10. Guenter Hase, German's welter king, defeated Walter Erich Walter, 8.

Siegfried Burrow kayoed Nino Manconi, 4. European champion Emilio Marconi held to draw by Ben Buker II, 10. Charley (Tombstone) Smith outscored Dave Johnson, 12.

Felix Benson whipped Jackie LaBua, 10. German champion Gunter Hase edged out Erich Walter, 8. Billy Lynch bested Al Wilson, 10. Siegfried Burrow flattened Nino Manconi, 4. Cirilo Gil outscored Garbis Zakaryan, 12.

Phil Kim scored over Carlos Chavez, 10. Don Barnes upset winner over previously unbeaten Curley Osland, 12. Samart Sorndaeng kayoed Steve Tony, 4. Bill Miller won from Tommy Berg, 8.

Bobby Dougals decisioned Bobby Rosado, 8. Nilo Blanco won over Rocky Randell, 10. Benny Nieuwenhuizen outfought middleweight Chris van Rooyen, 10. Tony Armenteros defeated Jimmy Ford, 10. Scottish champion Jimmy Croll stopped Abe Vorster, 7.

Gordon Van Loo stopped John L. Perry, 7, but lost to Jimmy Peters, 6, Jimmy also beat Willie Johnson, 8, and kayoed Deacon Washington, 3. Dave Cochran kayoed Chato Durate, 2.

Connie Citizen outpunched Eddie Asti, 6. Ernie Williams kayoed Brown Lee, 4.

Cortez Jackson won from Frank Alotta, 8. Ralph Alvarez and Bob Rossie drew, 6. Dudley Chavis kayoed Gene Elliott, 1, and Millard Peck, 2.

Al Barazza decisioned Bobby Freeman, 6. Bill Flamio defeated Al Milone, 6. Stefan Redl kayoed Frankie Madison, 4.

Aurelio Delgado whipped Babe deSale, 6. Don Weller defeated Chick Livingston, 6, but was stopped by Kid Chocolate, 3.

Jesse Jones won from Al Perez, 6. Willie Morton bested Frankie Brown, 6.

Abe Nance and Bob Miller drew, 6. Eddie Armstrong whipped Dave Grant, 6.

Tony DeMarco outpointed Kid Gavilan, 10. Juan Padilla kayoed Dave Cervantes, 7, and bested Arnold Hill, 10. Vince Martinez halted Rinzi Nocero, 7. Ramon Tiscareno decisioned Gilbert Holguin, 10, and stopped Dave Cervantes, 9. Paulo De Jesus defeated Oscar Pita, 10. Tony Armenteros defeated Jimmy Ford, 10. Garnett (Sugar) Hart kayoed Earl Dennis, 3.

Alfonso Flores drew with Gabriel Barragan, 10. Pinkey Peralta stopped Joe Borrel, 4. Al Barazza stopped Tony Gullota, 2. J. R. Flores stopped Angel Cutino, 3. Billy Brown stopped Mike Mitchell, 4. Jerry Mortell bested Ralph Alvarez, 6. Chuck Taylor upset Dudley Chavis, 6. Abe Nance stopped Jack Williams, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

European champion Duilio Loi stopped Albert Muller, 3, and outpointed Fernand Nollet, 10 (both non-title). Kenny Lane outsped Ludwig Lightburn, 10.

Ralph Dupas halted Hoacine Khalfi, 8. Johnny Gonsalves outboxed Al Nevarez, 10. Joe Lopes outscored Teddy Davis, 10.

Tommy Romulo defeated Davey Gallardo, 10. Richie Howard outpointed Glen Flanagan, 10.

Leo Argulos outpointed Marvin Marcus, 6. French champion Seraphin Ferrer held to draw by Felix Chiocca, 10 (non-title). Bobby Courchesne won from Steve Ward, 12, but was stopped by Jose Cotero, 10.

George Bracken outpunched Young Layton, 12. Gale Kerwin defeated Rocky Randell, 10. Johnny Busso edged out Tommy Salem, 10.

Arnold Hill defeated Julio Cesar Jimenez, 10. Lahouari Godih whipped Eduard Ptak, 10. Frankie Salas decisioned Collie Cox, 10. Leo Alonzo defeated Hideo Toyada, 10.

Floyd East stopped Pete Sanchez, 5. Baby Canti kayoed Chico Zermeno, 2, and lost to Arnoldo Gil, 10. Jack Parelli kayoed George Sullivan, 3.

Gregorio Medina scored over Tony Lopez, 10. Andy Arel decisioned Ray Estapa, 8. Ray won over Paul Smith, 6.

Paul Baker won from Joe Chavez, 6. Joe beat Herman Beasley, 6. Gene Toran defeated Freddie Fuller, 6, and Aaron Tart, 6. Harry Bell halted Iggy Maldonado, 2.

Art Suffoletta whipped Charley Douglas, 6. Solomon Boysaw bested Henry Hickman, 6. Jimmy Soo outpointed Edgar Stover, 8.

Karl Heinz Rauen decisioned Jose Godoy, 6. Carlos Ortiz whipped Carlos Watson, 6.

Junior Flores defeated Henry Luera, 6. Danny Wilson halted Frankie Savoie, 2.

Plummer Willis beat Jack Schoen, 6. Joe Cirvello kayoed Willie Hines, 4.

Victor Menendez decisioned Fernando Silva, 10. Kid Centella stopped Jim Hornsby, 3. Enrique Esqueda won from Alvaro Gutierrez, 10. Ray Riojas kayoed Henry Johnson, 3. Jimmy Soo halted Billy Jones, 5. Beto Gonzalez stopped Marcelino Pena, 6. Ray Estepa defeated Paul Smith, 8. Johnny McKoin kayoed Jerry Parks, 1.

Arnold Hill kayoed Bobby Flores, 4, beat Baby Canti, 10, but los to welterweight Juan Padilla, 10. Teddy Hall defeated Ernie Davis, 8. Al Boudreaux drew with Valentin Luna, 10, and stopped Sonny Lane, 5. Valentin Rangel defeated Negro Cardenas, 10. Davey Moore bested Jimmy DeMura, 6. Jose Arguelles and Jesse Bogart drew, 10. Jesse defeated Beto Carbajal, 10, and Reyes Lopez, 10.

Carlos Harragan halted Pedro Soto, 8. Juan Lemus stopped Fernando Ugalde, 7. Gil Tapia bested Jim Brewer, 10. Carlos Arregui kayoed Hector Garcia, 2. Everardo Armenta stopped El Conscripto, 7. Luis Diaz kayoed Luis Uribe, 2, beat Ray Mejia, 8.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

European champion Fred Galiana was again beaten in non-title bout, this time by Manolo Garcia, 10. Miguel Berrios decisioned Ike Chestnut, 10. Rudy Garcia kayoed Jose Lopez, 1.

Lauro Salas halted Lou Filippo, 9. Pete Kawala outpointed Orlando Echavarria, 10.

Russ Tague won from Rudy Ortega, 10. Sammy Bonnici whipped Russell Sands and Federico Scarponi, both 10s.

Shigeji Kaneko stopped Hidemi Wada, 2. Gordon Bell scored upset kayo of Barry Hatcher, 5.

Bobby Neil stopped Matt Fulton, 8. Luis Trujeque kayoed Ray Mancilla, 6, and Luis Pena, 4. Supachai Pinthuwattana decisioned Nestor Reyes, 10.

Rudy Garcia scored knockout over Jose Toluco Lopez, 1. Kid Chocolate decisioned Clifton Bradley, 8. Louis Poncy won from Victor Pepeder, 10. Renee Schleich decisioned Berti Simek, 6.

Jesus Santamaria scored over Black Bill, 8. Dwight Hawkins defeated Babe Antunez, 6. Bobby Soares won from Jackie Spurgeon, 6. Leo Espinosa outpointed Little Cezar, 10.

Leo Silvestre outpointed Fighting City, 6. Pee Wee Vasquez beat Baby Naven, 8, and lost to Frieco Conception, 10.

Montalbin Kid won over Terry Andrade, 6. Wally Livingston stopped Spencer Edwards, 2. Willie Tomada kayoed Clever Tony, 8.

Jet Bally won over Paulino Escarlin, 10. Boy Padilla kayoed Mar Gonzales, in one. Ernie Masankay won over Strong Ganon, 10. Jorge Gonzalez bested Rocky Carey, 6.

Lauro Sales and Bobby Bell drew, 10. Victor (Sonny) Leon and Kid Anahuac drew, 10. French Champion Cherif Hamia trounced Vetterio Petilli, 10.

Martin Rodriguez defeated Guillermo Medina, 10. Emilio de la Rosa beat Angel Guerrero, 10. Angel then beat Rudy Coronado, 10. Memo Baltazares outscored Beto Couary, 10. Ernesto Figueroa won over Julio Escobedo, 10. Chamaco Ortiz kayoed Bravo Roque, 6. Raul Solis stopped Bombin Kiriz, 3. Puppy Garcia defeated Orlando Castillo, 10. Ramon Gonzalez beat Aurelio Rivero, 10. Jorge Gabino won over Jose Luis Bautista, 10, but lost to Ernesto Castaneda, 10, who lost to David Rodriguez, 10.

Gabriel Navarro halted Nacho Rosales, 6. Cesar Saavedra won from Luis Contreras, 10. Lalo Camarena and Chebo Vazquez drew, 8. Lalo then beat Juanene Garcia, 8. Enrique de la Cruz and Lucio Gonzalez drew, 10. Chucho Mejia halted Al Olivera, 7. Antonio Ramirez stopped Luis Brito, 8. Manuel Armenteros kayoed Papelero Sanchez, 1. Cherokee Olguin, 3, and Cheto Fernandez, 3.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Tanny Campo defeated flyweight Henri Schmid, 10, and Stanis Sobolak, 10. Jose Lopez kayoed by featherweight Rudy Garcia, 1.

Dommy Ursua kayoed Nick Lopez, 5, but lost to Al Wilcher, 10; Al also defeated Chacho Uribe, 6.

Australian champion Kavin James decisioned Gaetano Annaloro, 12. Alphonse Halimi outfought Robert Meunier, 10. Nai Sanong kayoed Keiichi Komuro, 3, and lost to Ross Padilla, 10. Tony Ganados, Baby Comacho, 1.

Federico Scarponi repeated previous victory over Teddy Rainbow, 12, but lost to featherweight Sammy Bonnici, 12. Eddie Zinn lost to flyweight Dennis Adams, 10.

Cris Miranda and Billy Valdez drew, 10. Miranda then was stopped by Berte Gonzales, 3. Ben Dayrit outpointed Frisco Conception, 10.

Gene Aragon decisioned Waling Waling Boy, 8. Baby Ormac beat Buddy de Marco, 8. Winnie Rebulado defeated Frankie Hamilton, 8.

Leo Espinosa won from Jackie Trillana, 12. Fili Nava upset Billy Peacock, 10. German Ohm won from Kildo Martinez, 10, and kayoed Avelino Felix, 7. Chic Brogan acquired Scottish title by beating Malcolm Grant, 12. Ernesto Parra whipped Frankie Campos, 10. Joe Medel kayoed Jorge Herrera, 8. Pepe Chavarria defeated Chavo Garcia, 8. Roque Fernandez stopped Mario DeLeon, 6.

Raul Leanos defeated Chuy Guerrero, 10. Nacho Escalante stopped Chiquilin Torres, 8, and Chocolate Barrera, 3. Carlos Cardoso beat Chucho Tello, 10. Frankie Duran and Frank Valdez drew, 6. Baby Ruiz stopped Memo Sanchez, 6; Memo also lost to Joe Becerra, 10. Ricardo Manzanillo kayoed Babe Navarro, 3. Marcelo Gonzalez kayoed Joe Chamaco, 3. Johnny Sarduy defeated Ramon Rodriguez, 6. Jorge Valverde kayoed Jose Luis Salazar, 8. Chamaco Jimenez beat Dusty Brown, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

Hitoshi Misako kayoed Eiji Sawamura, 7. Henri Schmid lost to Tanny Campo, 10.

Frankie Jones became Scottish champion by trouncing Dick Currie, 12. Toshiro Tanaka defeated Baby Johnson, 10.

South African champion Dennis Adams outpointed bantamweight Eddie Zinn, 10.

Larry Pineda outpointed Leo Zulueta, 12. Pineda and Zulueta also fought a draw in 12. Little Brown beat Baby Independence, 8.

Memo Diez kayoed Chango Ceballos, 6, and Ramon Young, 9. Danny Kid drew with bantamweight Al Asuncion, 12. Tibico Torres whipped Luis Gallegos, 8. Oscar Suarez decisioned Kildo Martinez, 10.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

Nilo Blanco nailed his third straight win in Tampa, taking the measure for the second time of the local favorite, Rocky Randell in a 10 rounder. As in their fight, the verdict was split. Blanco weighed 147½, and Randell, 139¾.

Adding color to the main event were the prelims making the entire card the best here in some time. Tino Fuertes, 140, won more friends with his victory over Curtis Ennis, 136, Miami. Fuertes is a Tampan and this six rounder marked the second time Ennis, subbing twice for Curly Stewart, lost to the local pride. The loser was dropped in the sixth for a count of eight.

Ken McCurry, 118½, TKOed Billy Thweat, 116, Mulberry, in the third. Referee and former middleweight contender Lee Sala put a stop to any further punishment. Thweat hit the deck in the first from a solid right. McCurry hails from Charlotte. Jimmy Phillips, 155½, Tampa, took a four from Wild Man Bryant, 164½, San Antonio. Flash Jenkins, 174, Raleigh, beat Junior Hicks, 179, Tampa, in four. Buck Johnson, 135, Mulberry, punched out a four rounder over Speedy Gonzales, 128½, Tampa.

▶Bobby Lane won by a technical knockout in 10 rounds over Fernando Spallotta at Miami, on September 24th, after inflicting punishment on the Italian fighter's eyes which required judgment between the ninth and tenth rounds of the ring physician, Dr. James McCormick. Spallotta's left orb was cut and closed, the main damage, and the right optic suffered a skin break. Bobby was ahead on the three officials' scorecards. Promoted by Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., the card drew 533 fans and a $958 gate.

The semi-eight was won by Jimmy Peters, 146¾, of Washington, D. C. over Willie (Kid) Johnson, of Miami, who tipped two pounds heavier. John Tombley, 144¾, drew in four with Tony Galata, 147, both Miamians. Jerry Fowler, 159, Miami, won a sixer from Henry Brown, 153, Augusta, and Kid Boots, 134½, Opalocka, had the best of Billy Hall, 140¼, in their four.

▶Russ Tague's artillery went into action against Rudy Ortega and when the smoke cleared at Miami Beach, Tague had another win on his list and Ortega suffered his second loss in 17 bouts. The victorious Russ of Davenport, Iowa, had too many guns and he carried them well for his 131½ pounds. The Cuban, 129, showed best in the second and third and tried desperately in the 10th but Tague met him and they gave the 1,680 fans the chance to exercise their vocals.

In the semi, Andy Arel, 134¼, Massena, N. Y. checked Ray Estepa's win streak and first loss in 15 scraps. Ray, 134¼, of Puerto Rico, was downed in the eight round semi-final. The decision was unanimous in this fast go.

Jo Jo Jordan, 155, whipped Honeychild Whipple, 160½, Miami, in four heats. Jimmy Peters, 150½, Washington, D. C., got a three round TKO over Deacon Washington, 157, Deerfield, Florida. Jerry Abrams, 135¾, Miami, kayoed Henry Taylor, 134½, Durham, North Carolina, in the last round of a four. Chris Dundee promoted. The gate: $2,925.

▶Calling Lightweight Champion Joe Brown: Kenny Lane wants you next. That's Jack Kearns, Kenny's manager, doing the calling. Lane had given Kearns reason by bopping Ludwig Lightburn, who figured to win by the wise money, in a nationally televised 10 rounder which opened the new Biscayne Arena fight club of Major W. H. Peeples, Jr. on September 19. The 1,125 lookers paying $2,360, enjoyed lefty Lane's two-handed assault on the Central American. The votes-Kenny-Ludwig were: Referee Petey Sarron for Lane, 99-90; Judge Jerry Sherrard for Lane, 98-92, and Judge Sam Margolies for Lane, 100-92.

▶On the Lane-Lightburn undercard: Gordon Van Loo, 150, University of Miami, TKOed John L. Perry, 146, Miami, in the seventh round of an intended eight-heat semi-windup. Al Barazza, 144, Phoenix, was winner in six over Bobby Freeman, 145½, Miami, John Tombley, 147, Miami, defeated Joey Brunwasser, 143, Miami, in a four. Ricco Saunders, 150½, Miami, took four from Sonny Lemon, 150, Miami Beach. (On Kenny Lane, the boxer is from Muskegon, Michigan.)

▶In his first bout in the Southland, Franz Szuzina, of Bremen, Germany showed himself to good advantage before a full crowd in Fort Lauderdale. Facing Al Andrews of St. Paul in Promoter Glenn Sheppard's first fight card, Franz upset the Minnesotan in 10 rounds by a split decision. Al Hagen and Tony Sandalier gave it to Szuzina and Petey Sarron called it a draw. The weights: Szuzina, 162¼, and Andrews, 162½.

The semi-final featured Bobby Lane and Joe Gray in an eighter and the near-2000 fans ate it up after watching a ring Donnybrook. Lane, of Miami, was awarded the decision but it was close. Both are middleweights.

Alphonso Estrado, of Cuba, looked good in pounding out a four round decision over Danny Edwards, of Jamaica. In a battle of big men, Dick Tobin, 204½, Miami, spoiled Bill Kirk's pro start by gaining the four round verdict. Kirk, 226½, had won 11 consecutive kayoes in the ams circle.

John Tombley, of Hialeah, won the decision in four from Ray Elliott, of Fort Lauderdale, although Elliott made the fans sit up in a comeback after being dropped in the first. Bill Regan, of Miami, served as referee in several bouts. Promoter Sheppard's inaugural was an outstanding success in every department.

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▶A "new" Pat Lowery was unveiled at Miami Beach where he proceeded to pound out a revengeful 10 round win over Miguel Diaz. Lowery dumped the Cuban for a count in the third and effectively used right hands throughout. Lowery, 151, Toledo, Ohio, suffered cuts on his right eyebrow and left cheek, and Diaz, 149¼, had a cut eyebrow.

The semi-final eight was a treat itself by participants Bunky Frazier, 128¾, of Washington, D. C., and Johnny Hand, 127½, Durham, North Carolina. They wound up even. Hand's bid in the seventh in which he handed Bunky a bad cut over the eye, helped him. Tony Gulotta, 146½, Newark, N. J., beat Chico Gomez, 149, of Los Angeles, in four, Joey Reeves, 163¼, of Gild, Tennessee, and Ken McCurry, 119, entered the pro ranks successfully. Reeves nodded Dewet O'Conners, 154½, Tampa, in four, while McCurry TKOed Yogi O'Bera, 117¼, Oakland Park, Florida, in three heats. The card drew 1,662 fans and $3,008.50.

▶The following men were appointed to the Fort Lauderdale Boxing Commission: Chairman Joe Doumar, Herb Jenne, Niles Davidson, James Webb and Dr. Alva Taylor. The ring physicians are: Dr. Ballard Smith, head physician; Dr. Lees M. Schadel, Jr., Dr. Vincent Coppola, Jr. and Dr. Robert U. Moersch. Commissioner Webb is the former Southern ace boxer "Whit" Webb, who met some of the best in Dixie some years ago. Good luck to you all, Gentlemen.

▶The bout called for 10 rounds but it lasted only 1:40 of the first round. Despite the shortcoming, 500 customers attending the Nilo Blanco-Tony Celano bout at Tampa, weren't short-changed. Blanco won but after five minutes of a near-riot were matters then settled. Here's what the fans saw: Celano, of Baltimore, came out at the bell and plunked a hard right to Blanco's side. Blanco, from Cuba, retaliated with a hard right to Tony's chin and Tony went down. Up at eight, Celano was caught with a left that left him on shaky pins. Nilo bombed away and Celano was wobbling. Referee Lee Sala, a former top-notch boxer, looked at Celano's eyes and was prompted there to stop it, while Tony was in the corner. Then Tony cut loose, with protests, followed Sala around, and shoved him with both hands. Blanco meanwhile came back and blasted away at Tony again. This brought up spectators to the ring to help officials tone things down. Eight men, four for each fighter, subdued the contestants. Nilo weighed 144½, and Tony, 146½.

In the prelims: Sonny Hope, 159½, St. Petersburg, slugged out a four rounder from Bill Harmon, 169, Tampa. Tino Fuertes, 136, Tampa, showed class in winning the six round semi from Curtis Ennis, of Durham, N. C. Tino toppled Curtis for a count in the second. Billy Thweat, 118½, Mulberry, TKOed Maxie Foster, 127, St. Petersburg, in the fourth. James Phillips, 152½, Tampa, bested Willie George, 149½, Tampa, in four, and Chu Chu Valdes, 131½, Tampa, grabbed four from Ted Scippio, 123½, Tampa. Promoting were Joe Plescia and Joe Leto.

▶Former lightweight boss Paddy DeMarco, 141, won a split 10 round decision over Jimmy Ford, 141, at Miami Beach, the feature on Promoter Chris Dundee's show. Both glovers were guilty of unethical methods and were warned by Referee Jimmy Peerless who allowed only one penalty, against Ford in the fourth. The 2,573 fans, contributing $5,363, found the match dull.

Warrnell Lester, 180, Baltimore, got revenge against Jim Persey, 182¼, Miami, by whipping him in the 10 round semi-final. Lester's lone loss in 17 bouts was by a TKO to Persey in an earlier fight. This was Persey's second loss in 15 trips.

Ray Estepa, 137, Puerto Rico, beat Bobby Freeman, 141, Newark, in six rounds. Jimmy Peters, 146¾, Washington, D. C., won a sixer from Sammy Stone, 152, of Deerfield. Gordon Pouliott, 180, Miami, defeated Kelly Davis, 186, Homestead, in a four rounder.

The same job his Dad carried some 20 years ago is marshalled today by Billy Peeples, III. The capable young man who recently completed law school at the University of Miami, is secretary of the Miami Boxing Commission and keeps our Ring column informed in his area. Billy's father is the popular sports promoter, Major W. H. Peeples, Jr.

▶Jimmy Beecham, the 21-year-old welterweight from Philadelphia, made his television boxing debut but he was no hit with the fans as he outpointed the Trinidad veteran, Hector Constance, in a boring 10-round bout. Most of the 2,116 who saw the fight in the Miami Beach Auditorium booed intermittently throughout and there were some loud Bronx cheers as the boxers went to their corners at the end of the 10th round.

The crowd paid a gross gate of $7,019.

Half the gross gate, minus taxes, went to the Babe Zaharias Cancer Foundation—a total of $3,103.

Beecham, now the winner of 15 out of 17 pro fights, drew boos as early as the second round. He clinched constantly with his opponent, a 25-year-old ring veteran, and when Hector tried to throw a punch he usually found his glove pinned under Beecham's arm.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

Boxing fans throughout Virginia, were saddened by the death of Boxing commission secretary Mr. Joseph Bauers. Mr. Bauers was the secretary since 1934, when professional boxing was first legalized. It was through Mr. Bauers efforts, with the able assistance of Dr. Edward Myers and former Senator Mr. Ralph Daughton, that professional boxing was elevated from "Bootleg Boxing" to its present legally supervised statis.

▶Dr. Edward Myers, Mr. Andrew Welch and State Senator Charles Fenwick, the Virginia State Boxing Commission. Announced the appointment of Donald William "Bill" Brennan as the new secretary of the commission. "Bill" should, as he is well qualified.

▶Notes regarding Virginia boxing and boxers are welcome. Please have all letters at my home by the 22nd of each month. My address is: 7423 W. Kenmore Drive, Norfolk, Va.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Fenn

NINO VALDES LOST A TOUGH BOUT TO ZORA FOLLEY here. Zora, 195, gave Nino a good boxing lesson in 10 rounds at Phoenix, winning a unanimous decision. The win made it 27 of 29 for Zora, and he is ready and willing to fight anyone in the world.

In the semifinal, Johnny Hayden, 181, Los Angeles, stopped Charlie Earl, 175, Las Vegas, in 3. Tony Montano, 165, Phoenix, stopped Jimmy Tucker, 154, Phoenix, 3. Turkey Thomas, 168, Phoenix, outpointed Big Boy Holmes, 162, Phoenix, 4. Kid Waters, 145, Phoenix, TKOed Rocky Aranecki, 150, Phoenix, 3.

▶COLORFUL JOHNNY GRAY HAS KEPT THINGS ALIVE IN TUCSON with several promotions. On September 17, Frankie Salas, 128, Tucson, won a split 10-round decision over Collier Cox, 129, Phoenix. In the semi, Kid Zacatecas, 162, Mexico City, knocked out Turkey Thomas, 162, of Phoenix in 2:55 of the 6th.

Henry Flood, 155, knocked over Bobby Thomas, 158, Eloy, in 2:15 of the second. Clifford Gray, 185, of Tucson, knocked out Johnny Monday, 190, of Phoenix, in 2:10 of the first. Joe Cirvello, undefeated 134 pound Tucsonan, won a TKO over Al Andrews of Phoenix in 2:05 of the second.

▶PROMOTER W. A. WASHINGTON, AIDED BY JOHNNY GRAY, FOLLOWED with another show on Sept. 24. "Tiger" Al Williams, 160, of Los Angeles, won the 10-round go over Freddie Lewis, 162, of Phoenix. Lewis was unable to come out for the third round due to a broken nose suffered in the second.

In the semi, Joe Cirvello, 134, Tucson, got off the canvas to win by a TKO in 2:30 of the 4th over Willie Hines, 135, Phoenix. Al Moore, 136, Tucson KO'd Clarence Williams, 140, Phoenix, in 2:40 of the 4th. Clifford Gray, 182, Tucson, and good looking Tony DeFazio, 179, Phoenix, fought to a draw in a four rounder. And Raul Montano, 161, Tucson, won by disqualification in the first round over Louis Benefield, 160, Phoenix.—My address is Box 'C' Clifton, Arizona.

RAY ROBINSON IS SUPERSTITIOUS!

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Bowl, Ross signed to fight Henry Armstrong for his welterweight title there.

Poor Barney went the way of all the others, even more so, for in a one-sided affair which never would have been permitted to go on under New York's present strict supervision, he took a sickening beating. He not only lost his title, he never fought again.

No power on earth could get Lew Ambers, the old Herkimer Hurricane, to fight on or about July 4. Our leading patriotic anniversary, this was to Lew, just a date on which he had been painfully burned as a child. The experience so engraved itself on his mind, Lew gave his pet superstition plenty of leeway, refusing to take any fight within a week of the hoodooed holiday.

Many fighters, like the rest of us, have their little idiosyncrasies, such as the wearing of holy medals, and most of them have done their share of praying, the big difference being in their cases it is often public, taking place right in the ring before the opening bell. The late Deacon Tiger Flowers always performed this act in the privacy of the dressing room, adding the plea that his opponent not be seriously hurt.

In a less serious vein, some of the boys would not enter the ring without some certain wearing apparel. Red Cap Wilson was a club fighting lightweight of long ago, who was never without his red cap, a once promising heavy named Earl Blue wouldn't go in the ring minus a little blue cap.

Before straight-laced commissions tabooed them, old time boxers came into the ring with robes adorned with all types of insignia and whatnot, to many of which they attached good fortune. Most famed of the unorthodox get-ups adopted by fighters of bygone days, was the old Indian blanket Billy Petrolle always wore when he came down the aisle to do battle.

That proverbial symbol of good fortune, the mascot, has appeared infrequently on the boxing scene in recent years. African-born Beezy Thomas, a character in his own right, convinced first himself, then Tony Canzoneri, that by means of jungle mumbo-jumbo, he brought good luck to this exceptional fighter. Until he was unceremoniously shipped back to his native Congo, he was never missing from the vicinity of Canzoneri's corner.

Some unkind individual once called the string of retainers who trail along after Ray Robinson "mass production mascots," but Ray made no bones about why he added a French midget to his entourage, during his second European trip. "*He's lucky.*" said Sugar. All went well until the party left France and crossed the English channel for the first Randy Turpin bout. Ray then found out that an army of mascots weren't enough to overcome the effects of the good times he had been having on the Continent, as he ran into one of his rare defeats.

There is little place for superstition in boxing since it seldom works when pitted aginst condition, punch or skill.

EVERY FIGHT A WAR

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yet, Basilio suffered a gashed eyebrow, had bled from the nose, and had taken some good wallops to the body. After the fight, Basilio said, "That kid can sure hit hard but I couldn't understand what held him up after some of those lefts I laid on him."

Against Allie Gronik, in October 1954, with Basilio winning all the way and between the three officials Gronik getting only one round, Carmen still had to bleed for his money. It started from the nose in the early rounds and continued on.

In January 1955, Basilio met the Cologne Clown, Peter Muller, and though he administered a terrific shellacking, Basilio did not get away lightly either. Both fighters were gashed around the left eye. Muller's uppercuts occasionally shook Basilio. It was a furious fight, both men going at it for ten rounds and giving no quarter. Muller's best round was the second, when he staggered Basilio with a volley of rights to the jaw and generally outslugged Carmen. In this bout of gore galore, the round score indicated that Basilio might have been an easy winner but it was one of his hardest fights.

Opposing Gil Turner in Syracuse in September 1955, a bout which he won, Basilio was up against a man who made a strong and aggressive showing. An old cut was opened over Basilio's right eye in the third round and it bled throughout the remainder of the bout. It was one of Basilio's toughest work nights and he has had many. With Basilio protecting the damaged eye, Turner was in a position to take advantage of the numerous openings for hard rights to the head which landed solidly.

The eighth round saw the fighters stand toe-to-toe in a slugfest, with the crowd cheering them on. In the ninth, Basilio's cut eye began to bleed furiously and he rushed in, attempting to end the fight on a kayo. But Turner gave back nearly everything the champion threw. Turner made a great fight of it with his left jabs and hooking attack at close quarters which dealt out considerable punishment. After the bout, Gil said that Basilio was one of the easiest targets to hit that he had ever faced.

These are some of the winning fights of Carmen Basilio who has absorbed more punishment than many a losing fighter. Basilio's forte is his ability to absorb punishment, literally sop it up, and his great recuperative powers. Without exceptional strong points in these departments, despite his hitting power, he would have remained a very mediocre fighter who fell by the wayside a long time ago.

We have seen fighters in the past who outwardly exhibited a rare ability to handle everything that had been dished out without any noticeable effect, at the time. But there always came the day, usually without notice, when they shuddered and shook and crumbled and fell apart under even one blow and after that there were fair game to repeat the brittle and bitter performance whenever a fist, mighty or not, was raised against them.

The question remains as to just how much punishment the body, even one as exceptionally developed and conditioned as Basilio's, can stand.

We hope that Basilio, credit that he is to the game, is wise enough not to stay around long enough to furnish the answer for us.

NEWS FROM CUBA

By Dr. J. A, Vieiles

SANTA CLARA: FERNANDO SILVA, FORMER LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION of the Island lost a close tenner to Victor "Tato" Menendez.

▶HAVANA: Cuban middle king, Baby Linares, 152, won a unanimous ten rounder from Mel Collins, 150, Miami. J. R. Flores, 145¼, stopped Angel Cutiño, 144¾, in 3. "La Plancha" Rolando Rodríguez, 140, drew in 8 with Oscar Campos, 144½. Alex García, 130, won in 4 from Inocencio Cartas, 126¼, and Julian Yanes, 140¼, won in 4 from Jorge Chapman, 140¾.

▶HAVANA: Tony Armenteros, 141¾, won a unanimous ten rounder in a sensational fight over Jimmy Ford, 142½. Luis Villa, 154½, stopped Pedro Armenteros, 155¾, in 5. Joaquín Castillo, 133¼, won in six from Alberto "Taco-Taco" Robinson, 135. Promising Johnny Sarduy, 118½, won easily in six from Ramon Rodríguez, same weight, and Vicente Santos, 140, won in 4 from Miguel Cutiño, 137½.

▶HAVANA: In a return to his best form again, sensational Martín Rodríguez, 128½, (rated early this year the RING's No. 5 feather) scored an unanimous ten rounder over Venezuelan Guillermo "Chicharrita" Medina, 126¼. To clinch the verdict, Rodríguez scored two knockdowns along the route.

Angel García, 128, a real promise, scored another k.o., this time in six rounds over Sal de la Torre, 124.

Huesito Gonzalez, 118¼, won in six over José Oliva, 115¾ pounds. Chino Bassas, 125½, and Carlos Suárez, 125¾, drew in 4, and Guillermo Díaz, 152½, won in 4 from Orlando Peñalver, 155.

▶HAVANA: In the most close, fast, sensational fight in many, many months, tabbed by every sports writer, "The Fight of the Year," Puppy García, 127¾, again in his best form, scored a unanimous but close verdict (the three officials had him ahead by only one point), in ten rounds over Orlando Castillo, 125¼, who last July 10, won over Isaac Iturrioz in ten rounds. The winner of the return García-Castillo fight will meet Martín Rodríguez for the right to fight Ciro Morasen for the feather title. Morasen, Bantam Champ Orlando Reyes and Cuban flyweight king Oscar Suárez will fight Oct. 13 against three Mexicans in a triple star bout.

Pete Kawala, 129¾, upset Jr. light champ, Orlando Echevarría, 130, in ten rounds. Kawala won easily in this fight, 8-1-1.

Joaquín Castillo, 133¼, won in six from Candído González, 137¾. Alexis García, 133, won in 4 from Willie Hurst, 132¾, and Humberto de la Rosa, 125, won in 4 from Gus Agüero, 126¼.

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RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

QUEENSLAND FIGHT FANS RECEIVED A SHOCK WHEN DON BARNES, young welter brother of George, easily outpointed Queensland's Wonder Boy, CURLY OSLAND, over 12 rounds, at Brisbane Stadium.

▶ Four days earlier, Sydney saw an upset when GORDON BELL knocked out BARRY HATCHER in five rounds. Not only was this an upset, but the pattern of the contest was so one-sided until the fifth—and in Hatcher's favor—that it looked as though Bell would be stopped any time. Barry, with two previous wins over Bell, outboxed Gordon all the way. Then, just before the bell ended round four, Bell shook Hatcher. As the fifth round opened, Bell wasted no time; he tore into Hatcher and sprawled him on the canvas in business-like fashion.

▶ One week later, at Sydney Stadium, Australian bantamweight champion, KEVIN JAMES, had the easiest of points wins over veteran GAETANO ANNALORO.

Old-timers will be sorry to hear of the death of HARRY KEESING, one-time manager of Stadiums Ltd. Harry was associated with Hugh D. McIntosh in the building of Sydney Stadium in 1908 and with the promotion of the Burns-Johnson world title fight that year. Harry was mainly responsible for the drawing-up of the Australian boxing rules and he it was who instigated many improvements in Australian boxing up to 1930. Harry died on September 17, aged 73.

▶ At Sydney Stadium, newly-arrived Maltese lightweight, SAMMY BONNICI, was crowned winner on points over RUSSELL SANDS. The decision met with a hostile reception. I cannot comment on the decision, as I was not present (I miss very few fights in Sydney, but this was one time I did miss out).

▶ One week later, Italian FEDERICO SCARPONI, did a repeat over TEDDY RAINBOW. Scarponi won comfortably. Rainbow, half a pound over the bantam limit, conceded three pounds to Scarponi.

Then, BONNICI made 124 pounds for SCARPONI, who weighed in at 121¾, and Sammy won comfortably, to register Scarponi's first defeat in Australia.

▶ GEORGE BRACKEN, number one contender for Col Clarke's Australian lightweight title, proved his right to that post by outpointing YOUNG LAYTON, number two man, in a hard-fought contest, at Brisbane Stadium.

The same night, down in Collingwood, Victoria, JOHNNY SHORT made short work of LOU FRANCIS, knocking him out in four rounds.

A fortnight later, SHORT was short of ability against Queensland's unbeaten lightweight, RON KROGH, who won comfortably on points. That makes it 25 in a row for Krough, a stiff puncher.

On the same program that Krough gained his latest win, GLEN CARSBURG stopped STAN REIMER in eight. Carsburg was too experienced. They are middles.

▶ BARRY HANSEN, Brisbane welterweight southpaw, was too good for Victorian State welter champ, TOMMY SLOANE, belting the southener in the ninth. They met at Brisbane Stadium.

▶ ERNIE "BULL" HUGHES, weighing in one pound over the lightheavy limit, tossed a surprise into Australia's light-heavy champ, RICARDO MARCOS, at Rockhampton, by holding the much-experienced Marcos to a draw over twelve rounds.

▶ Collingwood: — JOE DAMIAMI, 165, knocked out SNOWY BOYD, 160, in eight.

Six days later, at Prahran (another suburb of Melbourne), KEVIN CLUES proved too experienced for rugged TYLER BURNS, winning over Tyler on points. They are middles.

▶ Collingwood staged a triple bill of ten-rounders. WALLY JENKINS outpointed YOUNG VARDEN; FRANK MAHER outpointed JIMMY MC MAHON; RAY NASH halted NEV FRANCIS in two rounds.

JENKINS showed such good form that he was promoted a week later. Over twelve rounds he outpointed JOHNNY MICHAEL.

▶ Melbourne Stadium is set to re-open next month with George Barnes meeting Bruno Visintin, who arrives from Italy shortly. It will be remembered that Melbourne Stadium was burnt to the ground in January 1955. The new arena is something right out of the box, as overseas visitors will see when they visit Melbourne for the Olympic Games in November.

▶ Rather a quiet month here this month. May be beter netxt month. Until then, regards to all. My address is 24 Milburn Rd., Gymea, N. S. W., Australia.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

By Eric Moolman

WITHIN THE RECORD TIME OF FIVE MONTHS, promoter Jackie Pillay staged his third South African non-European bantamweight title bout between Louis Joshua and Peter Moledi at the City Hall, Durban.

Joshua regained his national crown in a match which proved to be one of the closest and most stirring seen for a long time. Joshua won by virtue of 12 rounds of two-fisted aggression, although Moledi scored a knock-down in the 11th stanza.

Saxton Mabena beat Simon Ngobo on points in an excellent featherweight bout.

Lightweights—Solomon Zwane TKO'd Sandy Wendelyn in 4 and Patric Mdlolo beat Joe Mngadi in 6 rounds.

▶ Mike Holt retained his National middleweight crown when he T.K.O'd Stoffel du Plessis in 6 rounds at the Durban City Hall. du Plessis won the early rounds, but Holt took command as the bout progressed. His terrific right-hand punches soon had the challenger in trouble. He dropped him for two counts in the 6th when du Plessis' seconds threw in the towel.

Catchweight:—Gary Gordon outpointed Louis Klopper in 6.

Welterweight:—Buster Perry beat Johnny James in 6 and Kalie Burger beat Joe Varello in 4.

Catchweight:—Billy Lotter outpointed Don Riggs in 4.

FROM CENTRAL AFRICAN FEDERATION

By D. Mills

SALISBURY, SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—In one of the best fights ever seen in the city, Benny Nieuwenhulzen, 143¾, Johannesburg, outpointed Chris Van Rooyen, 155, Pretoria, in ten exciting rounds. Nieuwenhuizen attacked from the opening gong, and his all-round ability proved too much for Van Rooyen.

In another ten rounder, Denis Adams, 113¾, Johannesburg, outpointed Eddie Zinn, 118¾, Pretoria. Adams did most of the attacking. Adams is the South African Flyweight Champion.

In an extra eight rounder, South African Middleweight Champion Mike Holt, 165½, Pretoria, easily defeated Stoffel Duplessis, 156½, Johannesburg. Duplessis was subjected to a merciless battering and his handlers wisely threw in the towel during the second round.

Other results were: Colin Strauch, 191½, Pretoria, outpointed Jim Corbett, 182½, Johannesburg, over eight rounds. Buddy Walker, 199½, Paarl, stopped Guiseppe Di Fiore, 183, Italy, in the fourth. Vittorio Corso, 159¾, Italy, outpointed Len King, 160, Johannesburg, in four rounds.

BOXING IN THAILAND

By H. D. Koslowski

AFTER A LULL, PROFESSIONAL EUROPEAN STYLE boxing has been resumed in Bangkok with large crowds in attendance.

Though the retirement of our ace bantamweight, Chamrern Songkitrat, has somewhat lessened the interest in the sport. If recent large gatherings are a criterion, the sport is coming back with a bang. Three recent Thai-Filippino matches drew more than 8000 fans. Here are the results:

Sanong Etb, former bantam king, lost in 10 rounds to Ross Padilla, fourth ranking bantam of the Orient. There was too much holding.

Supachai Pinthuwattana outclassed Nestor Reyes of Manila on points in 10 rounds.

Samart Sorndaeng, Thai welter champion, scored a knockout in the fourth round over Philippine welter, Steve Tony. So pleased were the Thai people at Samart's showing that it is now planned to import some good welters and in all probability a championship match will be staged in the winter.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By Ted Yamachika

HONOLULU'S STAN HARRINGTON WAS HELD TO A DRAW by Mickey Northrup of Los Angeles in a dull ten round fight held at the Civic Auditorium. Actually Harrington had slightly the better of the argument but a two-point penalty for butting in the last round cost him the decision. As it turned out Referee Louis Freitas and Judge Wilbert Minn called the bout a standoff, 94-94 and 96-96, while Judge Sonny Valdez favored Harrington 94 to 90.

Harrington outweighed Northrup, 145½ to 141¼.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

LARRY PINEDA, 111, BECAME THE FLYWEIGHT AD-INTERIM CHAMPION of the Philippines by outpointing Leo Zulueta, 112, in 12 round main at Concepcion, Tarlac. This card was approved by the GAB, while the flyweight champion Tanny Campo is in Europe. The partisan crowd of about 4,000 which packed the stadium, showed hostility to Zulueta. Pee Wee Vasquez, 120, defeated Baby Naven, 122, of the Army in 8 rounds. Johnny Pasalosdos, 126, kayoed Ben Ferrer, 125, in the 6th round. Este Escoto, 118, won over Vera Cruz, 119, in 6 rounds. Nerison Kid, 114, and Paul Sebastian, 115, drew in 6. Gung Ho Kid, 112, halted Baby Nestor, 112, in 3. Fighting Juanito, 114, decisioned Top 8-Flash, 115, in 4. Clever Sicat, 112, kayoed Pete Reyes, 111, in the second round.

▶ Cris Miranda, 119, and Billy Valdez, 121, drew in 10 round main event at Olympic Stadium, Grace Park, Rizal. The referee and the two judges did not come to an agreement so it was declared a draw although Miranda should have won by his effective body punches.

Gene Aragon, 121, and Ernie Masangkay, 126, also fought a draw in 8 rounds. Aragon should have won as he proved to be more aggressive with effective blows.

Little Brown, 110, won over Baby Independence, 111, in 8 rounds. Independence proved a tough nut to crack and had rereived all the blows of his smaller opponent as mere love taps. Montalban Kid, 130, won over Terry Andrade, 127, in 6 rounds. Viva Zapata, 114, did not have a hard time in disposing Ben de Leon, 110, in the 2nd round. Vic Angeles, 119, defeated Charlie Cortes, 120, in another 6 round. Ernie Paredes, 117, defeated Tiger Willie, 119, in 4 rounds. Rudy Mariano, 116, won over Romy Nacilla, 117, in 4. Fighting Toro, 113, decisioned Strong Salcedo, 145, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶ Berto Gonzales, 120, won over Cris Miranda, 120, by TKO in the 3rd round in Balanga, Bataan. Cris received a bad cut over his lower lip. The stadium physician advised the referee to stop the fight and the referee awarded the decision to Gonzales. Gene Aragon, 118, decisioned Waling Waling Boy, 119, in 8 rounds. Fighting Rabbit, 114, bested Young Forbes, 115, in 6 rounds. Young Brazil, 116, also drew with Black Boy, 114, in 6.

▶ Jet Bally, 124, won over Paulito Escarlan, 126, in 10 round in Grace Park. Paulito tried to knockout Bally in the first two rounds but failed and from then on Jet had been the master of Escarlan until the last gong. Winnie Rebulado, 135, defeated Frankie Hamilton, 137, in 8 rounds. Rocky Paredes, 112 bested Joe Guevara, 112, in 6. 7 up Flash, 119, won over Baby Carlos, 121, in 6. Nestor Checa, 112, outpointed Little Raytranco, 113, in 6 rounds. Baby Mario, 112, bested Speedy Paredes, 112, in 4. Flash Aquino, 125, decisioned Rush Army, 126, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶ Ben Dayrit, 118, outpointed Frisco Concepcion, 118, in 10 rounds in San Fernando, Pampanga. Boy Padilla, 122, kayoed Mar Gonzales, 120, in the 1st round. Young de Jesus, 120, drew with Star Apple, 119, in 4. Kid Tacio, 105, decisioned Fred Dayrit, 104, in 4. Tiger Moro, 118, outpointed Duke de Alvia, 116, in the 4 round opener.

▶ Ernie Masankay, 124, won over Strong Canon, 124, in their 8 round contest in San Fernando La Union. Masangkay proved too shifty for the heavy slugging boy from Mindanao, who failed to locate his target for the whole night. Bert Jalandoni, 124, of La Union knocked out Ernie Brown, 130, in the 3rd round of scheduled 6 round bout. Ely Fernandez, 114, halted Romeo Gonzales, 125, in the 3 round bout. Edylin Kid, 120, knocked out Larry Andrade, 122, in the 4th round. Ray Masangkay, 112, decisioned Small Doro, 112, in 4. Speed Aljentera, 110, kayoed Small Sunga, 111, in the 4 round opener.

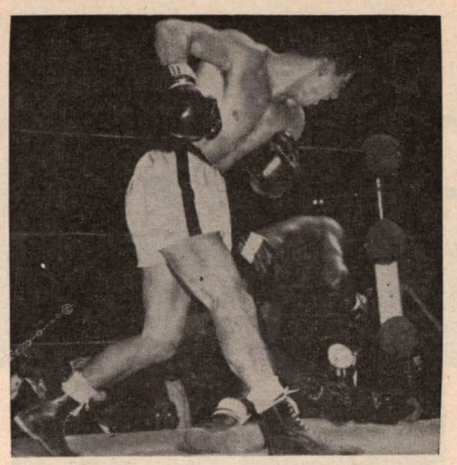
▶ Baby Ormoc, 117, bested Buddy de Marco, 116, in 8 rounds in Sariaya, Quezon province. Leo Silvestre, 112, outpointed Fighting City, 114, in 6. Al Manalang, 130, drew with Flash Salvador, 129, in 6. Rush Benny, 111, drew with Speedy Cudar, 114, in 6. Ric Fernandez, 116, halted Rocky Ponciano, 114, in the 2nd round.

▶ Leo Espinosa, 123, badly outpointed Little Cezar, 123, in their grudge rematch at the Coliseum. It was a repetition of their first bout last year when the title of Leo as the Oriental championship was at stake.

The bloodiest and the most exciting battle of the night was between Danny Kid, 117, and Al Asuncion, 117, for 10 rounds. In the second round Asuncion caught Danny with a right to the chin, sending him to the floor for an 8 count and when Danny got up he dropped Asuncion for an eight count. Danny proved to be the better counter puncher but Asuncion was stronger but all his punches need accuracy and sharpness, in order to win a title.

Wilie Tomada, 128, kayoed Clever Tony, 127, in the 8th round. Baby Brown, 126, proved to be the master of Young Error, 124, when he halted the southpaw fighter in the 6th round. Joe Cruz, 115, won over Baby Independence II in 6 rounds. Flash Menny, 117, kayoed Charlie Cortes, 120, in the 4th round. Dixie Logan, 107, bested Zacarias Monato, 112, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶ Larry Pineda, 111, and Leo Zulueta, 110, drew in 12 round main event which was for the Ad-Interim flyweight championship of the Philippines in Grace Park. Frisco Concepcion, 124, won over Pee Wee Vasquez, 120, in 10 rounds. Army Wonder Boy, 127, bested Johnny Pasalosdos, 127, in 8 rounds.



Joey Giardello, Philadelphia middle sends Bobby Boyd, Chicago, down and out in 2:25 of the fifth round at Cleveland, Ohio. Joey scored big upset by his triumph and broke Boyd's jaw.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

IN A SHOW STAGED AT THE ARENA COLON, PROMOTED BY LOUIS CRAIG, Jesus Santamaria punched his way to victory over the veteran Black Bill in an eight round featherweight feature.

In a lightweight tussle, Carlos Ortiz won a decision over Carlos Watson. Benito Tunon defeated Al Rodriguez in a four rounder. They are featherweights. Edwin Sykes knocked out Basilio Williams in three rounds. They are batamweights.

▶ Isidro Martinez, Panamanian featherweight champion, has gone to New York to engage in a series of fights against top contenders. Two possible opponents for him are Ike Chestnut and Carmelo Costa.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

AFTER the troublesome reign of Neuhaus and Cavicchi, Europe has at last found a worthy heavyweight champ in the person of Ingo Johansson, the youthful Swede, whose homeland boasts only five professional boxers. The Swede's most dangerous challengers are likely to come from Britain just now, next year perhaps from the Continent if Kalbfell, Klyssen and Friso live up to expectations.

Emilio Marconi, the poorest of all European champions, was held to a draw by Ben Buker II which does not augur well for his forthcoming title-bout with Benedetto of France.

Charles Humez affirmed his mastery of the Continent by knocking out Peter Müller, although he was booed out of the ring for his pains while Hans Stretz clung rather unsteadily to his high rating by whipping Randy Turpin in a turbulent affair at Hamburg. Attendances in all parts were very good and promoters are optimistic about the forthcoming season on the Continent. **Here are the latest results:**

▶ **Bologna, Italy**—Perhaps Ingemar Johansson can remember the jeers when he was ruled out in Helsinki back in 1952 for "not trying" against the huge heavyweight Ed Sanders. The big Swede has come a long way since then and has now presented Sweden with its second European title—Tandberg won the first in 1943.

Against champion Cavicchi he did well enough until the fifth, when the champ began roughing it up and Cavicchi was able to gain a points lead during the following rounds through fierce, if ineffective, attacks. But Johansson is a good stayer and waited until the twelfth, when he tore into the advancing Italian and checked him with several weighty clouts.

In the thirteenth, the Last of the Vikings clipped Cavicchi with a wicked right to the jaw and followed up with a trip-hammer blow to the midriff. Cavicchi doubled up and fell to the canvas, where he was counted out before a silent crowd.

Another Swede, Evert Högberg, was beaten in his first pro outing by Marcello Padovani, the classy lightweight star, over six rounds, while the Spanish welter king, Ben Buker II, threw the spanner into the works by holding European champion Emilio Marconi to a draw over ten rounds.

Gaetano Garbelli stopped Jean Arville of France in the seventh of a welter slam and Carati gained an unpopular decision over tough Jean Ruellet, the Parisian middle, over eight rounds. Johansson stated his intentions of invading America shortly and will only give Cavicchi a return bout in Sweden. Although the Swede has only 15 pro bouts to his credit, Europe has at last a respectable representative in the heavy class.

▶ **Alexandria, Egypt**—Nick Moos, the undefeated Dutch welter, had his punching abilities put to the test for the first time in a foreign ring and came through with a kayo in the fifth round of the local scrapper, Fattah. Al Cramp, the Surinam cruiser, lost to Minabawi over eight. The same team fought with better results a few weeks later, Moos winning over George Halim in a ten-rounder and Al Cramp getting his revenge by defeating Minabawi on points.

▶ **Castellammare di Stabia, Italy**—The tough Luxembourg, lightie, René Scheich, was beaten after a hard bout by Tony Borraccia in eight rounds while Rome, Giacomo Putti proved too good for Giuliano Friso in a welter eight.

At Savigliano—Marcello Padovani, excellent lightweight prospect, outscored Ray Paini over ten and Gheri Fretzghi, Eritrean welter king, handed a thrashing to the hitherto unbeaten French star, Pierre Mondino, over eight.

At Felizzano, Luigi Sguaita won over Ben Djillali of Morocco in a bantam eight and at Cassano, Giuseppe Merlo flattened Gianni Mariani in the second session of a feathers duel.

▶ **At Ancona**—Mafaldo Rinaldi trimmed Carlo Poli in a lightie eight and at Genoa, Mario Capaldini forced Pasquale Barletta to retire at the end of the opening round of their . . . flyweight scrap. Both men weighed inside the feathers limit.

▶ **Ferrara, Italy**—Although Antonio Crosia has been Italian heavies champ for some time, we have consistently rated him below Uber Bacilieri. True to form, Bacilieri thumped his way to a resounding points win over the title-holder in twelve rounds and regained the laurels he lost some time ago to Cavicchi.

A future contender no doubt is Federico Friso, who on the same bill put paid to the rival aspirations of Giancarlo Bettazoni by stopping him in the opening round of another heavies slam. Carlo Poli licked Heinz Klein, German lightie, over eight and Danilo Bottoni had to battle hard to earn the nod over Gerhard Moll, German welter.

▶ **Cagliari, Italy**—Boxing opened up once more in Sardinia, with old favorite Gianni Zuddas heading the bill. Five thousand packed the arena to see the former champion gain a hard-fought victory over the promising Spanish bantam. José Luis Martinez, over ten rounds. Unexpected was the defeat of Giuseppe Gaviano, unbeaten flyweight star, by a Spanish newcomer, Francisco Carreno, over eight.

▶ **Valencia, Spain**—Heinz Sattler, the globe-trotting German middle, came through with another win, trouncing Manuel Correa over ten rounds.

▶ **At Madrid**—Ben Buker II laced Eugenio Cifuentes over eight, welters and Pedro Paris drew with Juan Crespo in a feathers eight.

▶ **At Melilla**—José Ogazon stopped Sanchez in the fifth round of a flyweight slam.

▶ **At Barcelona**—Lopez Durban got the better of Stan Sobolak, French bantam, oven ten. But Sobolak got the cheers.

▶ **Messina, Italy**—Tiberio Mitri tangled for the third time with Constant Alcantara before 10,000 fans and once more licked the Senegalese on points over ten rounds. Giacomo Putti bested Renzo Ruggeri in a welter eight and Alvaro Strina belted out Mezzadri in the fourth of a middles affair.

▶ **At Santa Marinella**—Nicola Funari came back to thrash Loris Bardi in a feathers eight.

▶ **Essen, Germany**—A crowd of 6,000 watched Hans Friedrich win in convincing fashion over the colored American heavy, Young Harry Wills, in a fight full of action and heavy exchanges. Friedrich won by a tidy points margin in ten rounds.

Karlheinz Bücher won a middles six against the Austrian Leo Starosch and Herbert Soodmann won over Emil Koch in another middles six. Willi Quattuor won over a Greek lightweight, Stratiu, in six rounds and Hans Paffenholz drew with Harry Möller in a poor middles four.

▶ **Malaga, Spain**—Antonio Diaz was on the attack for twelve rounds and this energy gained him the nod over Jesus Rubio and also the title of Spanish bantam champion. The title fell vacant when Kim Navarro moved into the feathers division. The best bantam in Spain is still Juan Cardenas.

▶ **At Barcelona**—Jacinto Santin knocked out the southpaw, Rius, in the second heat of a feathers duel.

▶ **At Madrid**—Manolo Garcia won over his team-mate, Fred Galiana in a feathers ten. Galiana was far below his usual form and decided to enter the lightweight division hereafter though it cost him the European title. On the same bill, Juan Cardenas gained an unpopular decision over José Luis Martinez, who had at least earned a draw. Emilio Orozco nodded Gil Suarez in a welter eight.

▶ **Paris**—The Salle Wagram opened its doors again with middles prospect Marcel Pigou headlining against Jean Piniarski. The Norman was in top form and punched his way to an early decision, the Franco-Pole remaining in his corner at the call for the sixth round. José-Maria Manrique won over Jacob Jasbinsek in a lightie ten and René Brunet whipped Robert Gillet in a lightie eight.

▶ **Kiel, Germany**—William Besmanoff, who is not even a German citizen yet, drew a crowd of 3,000 to watch his first top-of-the-

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

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HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
2. Hans Friedrich (G)	Hans Stretz (G)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Valere Benedetto (F)
3. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Peter Muller (G)	Gaetano Garbelli (I)
4. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	William Besmanoff (G)	Franco Festucci (I)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
5. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Charles Colin (F)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Idrissa Dione (F)
6. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Wim Snoek (H)	Max Resch (G)	Jacques Prigent (F)
7. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Guido Mazzinghi (I)	Gunter Hase (G)
8. Antonio Crosia (I)	Pedro Klyssen (H)	Leen Jansen (H)	Umberto Vernaglione (I)
9. Marcel Limage (B)	Aless D'Ottavio (I)	Andre Drille (F)	Ben Buker II (S)
10. Werner Wiegand (G)	Ahmed Boulgroune (F)	Louis Trochon (F)	Jacques Herbillon (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duillo Loi (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Young Martin (S)
2. Bruno Visintin (I)	Fred Galiana (S)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
3. Seraphin Ferrer (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Jean Renard (B)	Robert Pollazon (F)
4. Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Rudi Langer (G)	Juan Gardenas (S)	Guy Schatt (F)
5. Felix Chiocca (F)	Jules Touan (F)	Gaetano Annaloro (I)	Henri Schmid (F)
6. Jose Hernadez (S)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Jose Ogazon (S)
7. Mario Vecchiato (I)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Piero Rollo (I)	Robert Mouginot (F)
8. Fernand Nollet (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Roger Cappato (F)	Pipo Dionisio (F)
9. Piet Van Klaveren (H)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Dante Bini (F)	Emile Delplanque (B)
10. Bobby Ros (S)	Nello Barbadoro (I)	Alfred Schweer (G)	Francisco Carreno (S)

LEGEND: (A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (F) France; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden.

bill affair, with French heavyweight champ Maurice Mols in the opposite corner. Mols came in at 207, the stateless fighter at 187. At the end of the eighth round Mols thought it best to retire, with his face badly marked from punishment.

Don Ellis was too clever for Horst Niche and whipped the German cruiser soundly over eight rounds while Harry Mistol could only obtain a draw against the lively Italian welter, Ernesto Ballabio, over four. Erich Walter blitzed Dante Madella, Italy, with a hook to the liver in the third round which put an end to their welter debate and Hans Wohlers won over the tough Italian middle, Giancarlo Brusa, in six rounds.

▶ **Jemappes, Belgium**—Richard Bouchez was given one of those build-up decisions here against the expert German, Freddy Teichmann. The Berliner outboxed the Belgian champion in the early rounds and then submitted to a pasting for a couple of heats. In the final stages, both men fought toe-to-toe and the referee halted the bout with half a minute to go, owing to Teichmann's nose injury.

In a bantam duel, Pierre Cossemyns was all over Emile Delplanque but hit on the "break" in the second frame and was ruled out by the third man. In a heavyweight bout, Max Marsille gained an unpopular decision over the German giant, Robert Warmbrunn, over eight rounds.

▶ **La Spezia, Italy**—Before leaving once more for Australia, Bruno Visintin defended his lightweight crown against promising Mario Vecchiato and 8,000 turned up to watch the contest. The challenger stormed in continually and Visintin was hard put to keep him at bay but finally boxed his way out of trouble and won a close verdict after twelve excellent rounds.

Renzo Ruggeri won over Grilli in a welter six and Alberto Serti decisioned René Béolet, the French feather, over eight. Tony Borraccia subbed for the new feathers champ, Caprari, and did well to hold Letterio Petilli to a draw over eight fast rounds.

▶ **Novara, Italy**—Giancarlo Garbelli had little trouble in disposing of the modest Spanish Moroccan, Liazit Ben Barek, and stopped the visitor in the sixth round of a welter debate.

Franco Rizzotti was too good for Guy Alicou and laced the French welter over eight while Bruno Allevi dropped Marcel Léorier three times in the opening frame which led to this heavyweight slam being stopped then and there.

Nazzareno Gianelli halted Luigi Squaita in the sixth of a bantam clash.

▶ **At Ferrara**—Unbeaten Federico Friso had an easy pushover in the person of Willy Fanzlau, who was belted out in sixteen seconds of the opening round. In two lightweight affairs, Germano Cavalieri whipped Mafaldo Rinaldi in eight and Carlo Poli nodded Girolamo Piai over eight, while Mario Casellato got the better of Giuseppe Capra in a welter six.

▶ **Ostend, Belgium**—Albert Finch, the excellent British cruiser, was far too good for young André Cottyn, Belgian cruiser champ but the Fleming never gave up trying. With only a dozen bouts to his credit, the youngster crowded on the pace and went all out for a kayo in the fifth. Finch was too wily for his opponent, forcing the ref to stop the fight in the tenth round owing to Cottyn's cut eye.

Georges Devos regained his lightweight title by outscoring his former conqueror, Fernand Coppens, over twelve rounds and the heavyweight title bout between Alain Cherville and Al Bernard was stopped in the seventh round when an anxious supporter of Cherville's slung a chair into the ring and struck the referee on the head. A verdict of No Contest was given.

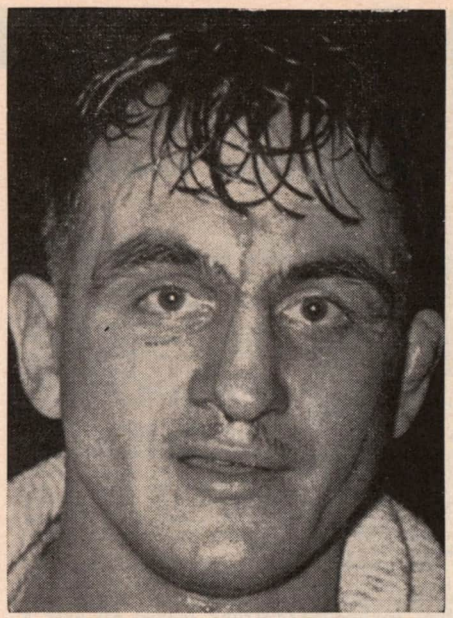
▶ **Malaga, Spain**—Kim Navarro gained an easy points win over Asencio here in a feathers ten and Luis Romero took time off to flatten Juan Cadalso in the first stanza of another feathers fray. Romero is now the owner of a guest-house in Barcelona.

Cadalso was bashed to the canvas five times and had to be taken to hospital following the fight.

▶ **At Barcelona**—A new knockout star, Joe Luis, came through with a kayo win in the second round over Fernandez while Garrigo won another welter affair against Galceran over eight rounds.

▶ **Hagen, Germany**—The newest Teuton Terror to emerge, Hans Kalbfell, ripped his right into the ribs of Heinz Seelisch in the second round of their heavies clash and dropped him for a count. The gong saved Seelisch but an identical hook to the ribs dropped him in the third and it was curtains.

Lemm stopped Dieter Schwingel in the third frame of a heavies clash and Joe Buck won clearly over Bielmann in a feathers four.



Charles Humez, European middleweight champion, who proved his mastery by knocking out Peter Muller in three rounds at Dortmund, Germany.

Hans Strelecki proved he's still got a few aces up his sleeve by flattening promising Walter Storms in the opening round of a cruiser slam with a lightning right hook to the jaw.

Karlheinz Guder forced the novice Manfred Heimann to retire in the fourth heat of a welter fracas and Albert Westphal climbed a step up the ladder by outdistancing powerful Horst Herold in a heavyewight six. Four thousand sat in the rain to watch the program.

▶ **Paris, France**—At the Central, Christian Marchand ran up his thirteenth consecutive win by whipping René Viola in a flyweight eight. In a middles slam Buccelato halted Lannoy in four and in a welter six, Armand Meyer outscored Charles Benoiton.

▶ **At Toulon**—Hilaire Gaviano stopped Crippa in the third frame of a bantam bout and Miniconi nodded Eugene Spagnol in a lightie eight.

▶ **Liege, Belgium**—It was an unlucky day for the Belgian Angel, Jean Sneyers, when he tangled with the erratic Italian southpaw, Nello Barbadoro, who recently ceded the Italian feathers crown. Sneyers began in usual brilliant style but a roundhouse wallop from the southerner split his eye open and the ref was obliged to halt the contest right in the opening round.

Pierre Wouters was roughly handled by Siegfried Burrow in a welter ten but nevertheless copped an unpopular points victory. Alfred Schweer, another German visitor, barely lost on points to the Belgian bantam king, Jean Renard, over ten.

▶ **Rotterdam, Holland**—The German welter, Emil Koch, who is a very frequent visitor in Dutch rings, suffered a close points reverse at the hands of Frits Van Kempen over ten rounds while Albert Müller was unjustly declared loser to mediocre Theun Brommer in another welter ten. Jo Lamers stopped the veteran Leo Starosch in the second round of a middles affair and newcomer Henny van Berkum laced Heinz Borzowski, Germany, in a middles four.

▶ **Racconigi, Italy**—Young Angelo Grego busted open the eye of Widmer Milandri with a fierce right-hander and followed up the good work with his straight left. The ref halted the bout in the eighth in Grego's favor. Giuseppe Merlo was too good for Remo Viarengo in a lightweight eight and Nino Manconi shared honors with Walter Cozzani in a welter six.

▶ **At Pavia**—Giordano Campari decisioned the French feather, Alex Smeraldi, over eight rounds and Aldo Chiesa looked good in defeating highly-touted Salvatore Boi in a middles six. Di Jasio whipped Loris Bardi in a lightie six.

▶ **At Florence**—Nedo Stampi did well to stop Flaviano Ciancarelli in the seventh heat of their lightweight encounter, although the latter appeared fit enough to continue.

▶ **At Vicenza**—Mario Casellato earned an unpopular decision over Giulio Friso in a welter six.

▶ **Milan, Italy**—As usual against a fairly safe opponent, Duilio Loi did not put his best wares on parade when he tangled with the Martinique lightie, Fernand Nollet. But the French Colonial soon went to work with his forehead and Loi made the mistake of trying to beat Nollet at his own game. His efforts at roughhousing were crude and Nollet gained a momentary advantage, lost this as soon as Loi returned to skilful boxing and galloped home to a clear win over ten rounds.

William Besmanoff, the dangerous German cruiser, was too good by far for the Italian champ, Artenio Calzavara, but the latter made his usual game stand and lost only on points over eight rounds.

Franco Festucci had little trouble in disposing of modest Günther Huber in the first stanza of a middles melee and Rocco Mazzola stopped gallant Jean Landsheer of France in the third session of a cruiser slam. Giacomo Nervi stopped Giorgio Bollato in the fourth frame of their welter debate.

▶ **Vienna, Austria**—The wandering Turkish welter, Ziyaris Taki, returned once more to the City of Waltzes and there disposed of faded Leo Starosch, who made a good fight of it until the seventh heat, when he struck low and was ruled out.

Werner Wiegand, the German heavy, was brought in to test poor Robert Bedronik and promptly flattened the unfortunate novice in round one but Alois Senn, a much better prospect, won over the Luxembourg giant, Adi Biver, in six. René Scheich, Luxembourg's lightie champ, won a close affair from Adalbert Simek over six rounds and Otto Nesladek decisioned Stefan Schwarz in a middles four.

▶ **Paris**—The tough, roly-poly heavyweight comer, Michel Aubignat, made something of an impression at the Salle Wagram by stopping the darling of the crowd, statuesque Eugene D'Alessio, in eight rounds. Aubignat goes on to fight Mols for the French title.

In another heavies slam, lanky Robert Duquesne upset the plans of promotor Benaim by outscoring stocky Emile Vidal in ten.

▶ **Geneva, Switzerland**—Ray Paini, who has a strong facial resemblance to Georges Carpentier, came through with a good points win over the French-Armenian. Pierre Sarkissian, in a hard welter ten.

▶ **Dortmund, Germany**—The much-awaited middleweight slam between Charles Humez and Peter Müller was dramatic in the extreme. With Müller in the ring, it naturally ended in fierce debates. In the third, Müller stood in a neutral corner furiously swapping punches with the Lion of Flanders when he suddenly pitched to one side and fell through the ropes onto the press tables. Writhing in pain, he was counted out by the neutral referee and then dragged back to his corner. Humez thus retains his top grading in Europe.

Max Resch, highly-touted middles star, failed to function convincingly against the workmanlike Spaniard, Domingo Lopez, who is no doubt the best middle in his country. The drawn decision after eight furious rounds gained the Spaniard a tremendous cheer, from the 10,000 fans.

Erich Schöppner, 176, made short work of the Flemish deaf-mute, Frans Callaerts, 168, and chilled him in the third while Hans Kalbfell gave an excellent display of boxing against the tough Marcel Limage and won rather narrowly over eight rounds. Siefried Burrow had little to beat in the person of Nino Manconi of Italy and stopped him in the fourth heat of their welter meeting.

In two lightweight fours, Addy Müller laced Klaus Miska and Karlheinz Rauen outdistanced José-Maria Godoy.

▶ **Amsterdam, Holland**—Gerhard Moll was declared loser against Young Lex Crissy in a lightweight scrap here and Karl Gröbner was halted by Gerhard Van Eyck in the sixth of a welter affair.

Pedro Klyssen proved that he is a force to be reckoned with in the heavyweight brigade by outboxing the strong Frenchman, Lucien Touzard, who had a noticeable weight advantage. Lothar Heinmann won over K.O. Zwaan in a welter six and Sonny Michels was stopped in four by a new Dutch lightweight, Nyenkamp.

▶ **Paris**—The Palais des Sports opened early this season, with Germinal Ballarin headlining against a rival middles prospect, Louis Trochon, a mulatto from Marseilles. A hard set-to occurred in the fourth round and opened a cut over Trochon's eye which caused the bout to be halted.

Tanny Campo, the Filipino made his bow to the 10,000 crowd and won on points against workmanlike Henri Schmit in a flyweight ten.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

LONDON—Boxing in Great Britain suffered another jolt when Ezzard Charles, imported from America by Jack Solomons to give young Dick Richardson, promising Welsh heavyweight, a real test, was disqualified in the second round by Referee Frank Wilson for repeated holding. The former world heavyweight king and his mentor, Tom Tannis, protested the decision, which also was received with boos by the capacity gathering of 10,600 at the Harringay Arena. Charles left the arena with a broad grin as he listened to the thunderous booing.

Richardson, who scaled 203¼ pounds to 202 for Ezzard, tore into Charles at the clang of the opening gong and forced him into a neutral corner where they clinched. The clinching continued and Referee Wilson halted the bout and warned Charles. Twice more he did this during the round. Despite the warnings, Ezz continued his holding tactics as Dick bore in. When the round ended, the official warned Tannis that Charles must stop such tactics but as the second round began, Ezzard again held following two lefts to the head and drew another reprimand that was followed by disqualification after a right nailed Ezz on the side of the head and he took a tight grip on his opponent.

Promoter Solomons was considerably perturbed. He remarked to the scribes that if Referee Wilson was inclined to end the bout it would have been better had he thrown both fighters out of the ring. "What a fizzle", he said. "I had arranged the bout as a step toward bringing a possible world championship match to Britain."

At a meeting the following day, the British Boxing Board of Control announced it had "fined" Charles $560.00.

▶ BIRMINGHAM.—Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 142, and Ivor Germaine, Barbadoes, 140¼, fought a spirited ten rounds draw that seemed to be kind to Corbett. The crowd voiced its disapproval unanimously. . . . Bill Wooding, Birmingham, 146½, outpointed Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 147, over ten rounds. . . . Ken Brady, Worksop, 201, stopped Alan Hand, Blackpool, 201, in the first round. The referee halted the one-sided bout when Hand had taken three counts. . . . Malcolm McLeod, Coventry 112¼, outpointed Spider Yusuf, Nigeria, 116½, over six. . . . Glyn Evans, Askern, 127, outpointed Cliff Giles, Linton 124½, over six. . . . Bobby Roberts, Birkenhead, 139, knocked out Johnny King, Birmingham, 134½, in the first round. . . . Barry Adgie, Derby, 111, outscored Tony Williams, Wellingborough, 112, over six, while Derek Liversedge, Retford, 153½, outpointed Joe Rufus, Nigeria, 147½, over six.

▶ BELFAST — Tommy Mason, Liverpool, 138½, outpointed Johnny McNally, Belfast, 134½, over eight rounds. . . . Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 127½, stopped Billy Skelly, Belfast, 124½, in the third session. . . . Jim Osborne, Belfast, 113, won from Jim Loughrey, Derry, 114½, when the latter was disqualified in the fourth for alleged misuse of the head. . . . Danny Hatton, Belfast, 143½, knocked out Jim Fane, Belfast, 137, in the second. . . . Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 133, knocked out Benny Vaun, Belfast, 128, in the second round.

▶ WEST HARTLEPOOL—Ex-British Lightweight Champion Frank Johnson, Manchester, 147, is going great guns in the welter division. In his latest start he stopped Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 148, in the third of a scheduled eight rounder. Carroll took heavy punishment before the referee halted the uneven bout.

Tommy Du Preez, South Africa, 175, was an extremely lucky points winner over Willie Armstrong, Port Glasgow, 175½, over eight rounds. Armstrong looked all over a winner, and the referee's decision came as a complete surprise. . . . Jim McGuiness, Glasgow, 145½, outpointed Dennis Yearby, Leeds, 146, over six. . . . Eric Grieves, Middlesborough, 124, stopped Barry Wingfield, Nottingham, 125, in the first. . . . Fred Wingfield, Nottingham, 118, outpointed Joe Barnett, North Shields, 122, over four rounds.

▶ BELLE VUE, MANCHESTER — Henry Cooper, Bellingham, 191, was extremely unlucky to lose to Peter Bates, Doncaster, 207, when after being well ahead on points he was forced to retire with a badly gashed eyebrow. The end came in the fifth.

Joe Lucy, British Lightweight Champion, 138, outpointed Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 138, over ten fast rounds. Lucy won with ease. . . . Alex Buxton, Wetford, 166, stopped Kit Pompey, British Guiana, 167, in the third of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Neville Rowe, Australia, 175, knocked out Eddie Wright, Mile End, 175¼, in the second round. . . . Percy Lewis, Oxford, 127, stopped Jim Shackleton, Australia, 127¼, in the fifth. . . . John Smillie, Fauldhouse, 122½, stopped George O'Niell, Belfast, 120, in the fifth.

▶ LIVERPOOL STADIUM—Hogan Bassey, Nigeria, Empire Featherweight Champion, won a convincing eight rounder over Alby Tissong, South Africa.

Albert Scott, South Africa, 165½, stopped Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 177, in the first session. . . . Gerry McStravick, Belfast, 145½, clearly outpointed Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, 146, over six. . . . Tommy Summers, Liverpool, 167, outpointed Jackie Abbott, Halifax, 172, over four. . . . Terry Burnett, Cardiff, 145½, outpointed Roy Allway, Halifax, 143, over four rounds.

▶ GREENOCK—Arthur Donnachie, Greenock, 131, kept his unbeaten record intact when he outpointed Roy Akwei, Gold Coast, 136, over eight rounds. . . . Dave Croll, Dundee, 127½, narrowly outpointed Bobby Coote, Clydebank, 127, over six rounds. . . . Billy Rafferty, Glasgow, 118, outpointed Jim Cresswell, Clydebank, 119½, over eight rounds. . . . Tony McRorey, Greenock, 133½, outpointed Derek Clarke, Burnley, 138, over six.

▶ BELFAST—Ernie Fossey, Islington, 137, outscored Jim Fisher, Belfast, 135½, over eight interesting rounds. . . . Billy Corbett, Carrickfergus, 149½, stopped Gordon Mason, Manchester, 154, in the third. . . . Pat Price, Newry, 140, stopped Al Thomas, Belfast, 136¼, in the third. . . . Billy Adams, Belfast, 120½, stopped Joe Nesbitt, Belfast, 122½, in the first round. . . . Bobby Weir, Belfast, 149½, stopped Tommy Butler, Dublin, 151, in the first round.

▶ EAST KIRKBY—Billy Cobb, Chesterfield, 146, knocked out Danny Larty, Gold Coast, 147, in the third. . . . Lew Devrow, Liverpool, 113, stopped Fred Wingfield, Nottingham, 114½, when the latter retired with a badly gashed eyebrow. . . . Clarke Mellor, New Mills, 171, outpointed Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 167, over six. . . . Johnny Mercer, Nottingham, 146, outscored Sammy Royal, Gloucester, 167, over six. . . . Jerry Parker, Nottingham, 110, stopped Dickie Brown, Carlisle, 108, in the first round.

▶ LIVERPOOL STADIUM—Tommy Molloy, Liverpool's undefeated welterweight contender, 144½, scored his nineteenth successive victory at the expense of Roy Baird, Birmingham, 146½, but had to fight hard all of the eight rounds to come through.

Frankie Kelly, Liverpool, 124, outpointed Jacky Tiller, Manchester, 126, over six rounds. . . . George Carroll, Covent Garden, 127, scored a clear cut points win over Alf Cottam, Preston, 130, over six rounds. . . . Bob Roberts, Birkenhead, 141, knocked out Stan Barnett, Newton-le-Willows, 140, in the third session. . . . Joe Rufus, Nigeria, 147, knocked out Brian Petherwick, Preston, 148, in the second round.

▶ BELFAST.—Peter Billingham, Manchester, 128½, lost to Billy Skelly, Belfast, 127¼, when after putting up a good scrap for six rounds, the Irish lad's experience told, and the referee halted the contest when Billingham was a very tired, well beaten lad.

Derek Clarke, Burnley, 139, knocked out Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 139, in the third session. . . . Cliff Garvey, Dundalk, 168, knocked out Tommy Turner, Manchester, 157¼, in the fifth. . . . Jim Fane, Belfast, 135¼, knocked out Jim McFadden, Belfast, 142¼, in the third. . . . Billy Adams, Belfast, 120, stopped Harry Hunter, Belfast, 122, in the third.

▶ NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.—Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 136½, kept moving constantly forward and thus notched enough points to win over Ron Hinson, Dagenham, 133, over eight rounds. . . . Peter Longo, Covent Garden, 158, and George Roe, Wolverhampton, 159¾, had an eight rounds toe-to-toe slugging match with the nod going to Roe. . . . Vic Smith, Croydon, 141½, outpointed Don Symonds, Bellingham, 146, over six rounds. . . . Kenny Thomas, Covent Garden, 128¾, stopped Don Flack, Covent Garden, 129, in the sixth and last round.

▶ FIRHILL PARK, GLASGOW.—Frankie Jones, Stirling, 110, won the Scottish Flyweight Title and the eliminator for the British Flyweight Crown when he outpointed Dick Currie, Glasgow, 111½, over twelve rounds. The bout was a ding dong bout, with Jones finishing the stronger and meriting the nod. . . .

Bobby Neill, Paddington, 125, made a welcome reappearance in his native Scotland when he won the Scottish Feathers Title, and an eliminator for the British title, when he stopped Matt Fulton, Coatbridge, in the eighth of a scheduled twelve rounder. The referee called a halt when Fulton was suffering from a badly gashed eyebrow.

Chic Brogan, Clydebank, 118, won the Scottish Bantamweight Title from Malcolm Grant, 116½, over twelve hard rounds. . . . Jim Fisher, Belfast, 133½, stopped Bobby Kilpatrick, Springside, 136, in the fourth. . . . Archie Downie, Glasgow, 119, outpointed

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

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HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Joe Erskine (W)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	Darby Brown (A)
2. James J. Parker (C)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Jimmy Elliott (SA)	George Barnes (A)
3. Johnny Williams (W)	Alex Buxton (E)	Mike Holt (SA)	Attu Clottey (WA)
4. Joe Bygraves (J)	Arthur Howard (E)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Peter Waterman (E)
5. Henry Cooper (E)	Yvonne Durelle (C)	Yama Bahama (B)	Hector Constance (T)
6. Kitione Lave (To)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Martin Hansen (E)	Vincent O'Kine (WA)
7. Dick Richardson (W)	Joveci Bau (F)	Lew Lazar (E)	Evie Vorster (SA)
8. Alan Williams (A)	Ricardo Marcos (A)	Billy Ellaway (E)	Peter King (E)
9. Brian London (E)	Ron Barton (E)	Billy McDonnell (A)	Frank Johnson (E)
10. Ken Brady (A)	Albert Finch (E)	Barry Brown (NZ)	Gilbert Patros (SA)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Kevin James (A)	Dai Dower (W)
2. Willie Toweel (SA)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Peter Keenan (S)	Bindi Jack (A)
3. Richie Howard (C)	Charlie Hill (S)	Graham V. D. Walt (SA)	Frank Jones (S)
4. J. Van Rensberg (SA)	Billy Kelly (I)	John Smillie (S)	Dick Currie (S)
5. Joe Lucy (E)	Bobby Neill (S)	George Dormer (E)	Pat Supple (C)
6. Armand Savoie (C)	Jimmy Brown (I)	Louis Joshua (SA)	Dennis Adams (SA)
7. Boswell St. Louis (T)	Matt Fulton (S)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Frank Bennett (A)
8. Willie Lloyd (W)	Sammy Bonnici (Malta)	Peter Moledi (SA)	Gerry Jooste (SA)
9. Jason Radebe (WA)	Charlie Tucker (E)	Teddy Rainbow (A)	Ezekial Shole (SA)
10. Dave Charnley (E)	Bobby Sinn (A)	Jimmy Cardew (E)	Young Ado (WA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (B) Barbadoes; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (BH) British Honduras; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (GC) Gold Coast; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (WA) West Africa.

Danny McNamee, Dundee, 118, over six rounds.

▶ OXFORD.—Ebe Mensah, Gold Coast, outscored Dennis Hinson, Dagenham, over eight rounds. . . . Ayree Jackson, Gold Coast, outpointed Alf Drew, Hackney, over eight. . . . Jack Birley, Hackney, stopped Jimmy Moss, Notting Hill, in the fifth. . . . Pat McCairn, Bethnal Green, outpointed George Carroll, Covent Garden, over six. . . . Dennis Saunders, Boreham, beat Bobby Hope, Stepney, on points over six rounds. . . . Tony Vallady, Acton, won from George Smith, Peckham, in a six rounder.

▶ BELFAST—Paddy Slavin, Belfast, 200¾ and Jim Moran, Leeds, 209½, drew over eight rounds. . . . Jim McCormack, Belfast, 133½, stopped Eddie Moran, Leeds, 135, in the sixth. . . . Ronnie Currie, Belfast, 120½, stopped Cliff Giles, Linton, 123, in the fifth. . . . Joe Sharpe, 136, stopped Roy McElhone, Belfast, 133½, in the third. . . . Bobby McMullan, Belfast, 134½, stopped Johnny McDonagh, Belfast, 134½, in the fifth.

▶ LIVERPOOL STADIUM.—Jimmy Croll, Dundee, 148, Scottish Welterweight Champion, and Abe Vorster, South Africa, 148, put up a corking battle before the referee halted the bout in the seventh session in Croll's favor.

Both lads slugged it out toe to toe with Vorster taking all the early rounds, but in the seventh session the South African seemed to lose his edge and Croll pummelled him heavily about the body. Vorster took a long count and when he was sent down again the third man stepped in.

Arthur Donnachie, Greenock, 131, outpointed Percy James, Southport, 129, over six. . . . Jackie Aboot, Halifax, 172, lost a six rounds points decision to Jackie Scott, Preston, 168. . . . Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 127, outpointed Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 128, over six. . . . Gerry Parker, Nottingham, 111, outpointed Lew Devro, Liverpool, 113, over four rounds.

▶ I regret that I have to report the passing of a great little fighter and a gentleman ELKY CLARK of Glasgow. The little Scot was European and Empire Champion at 112 pounds and was a credit to Boxing. For the last twenty years he was The Boxing correspondent for The Daily Record, a Scottish Newspaper.

"May his dear soul rest in peace."

SEEN & HEARD IN N. Y.

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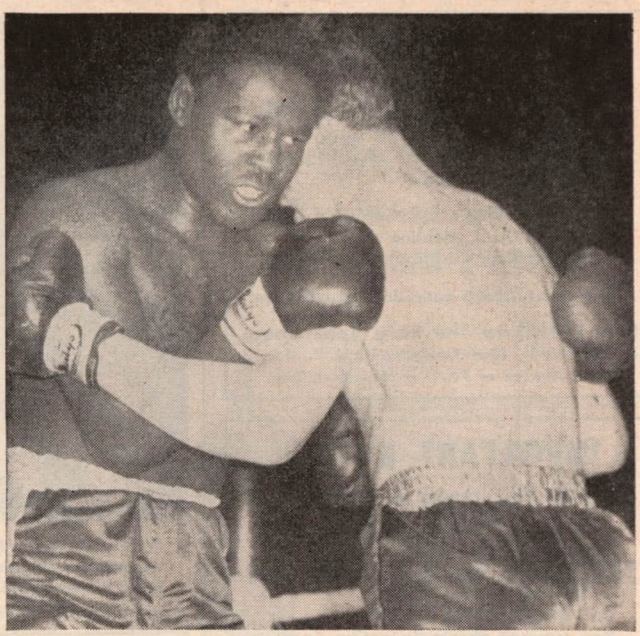
two preceding weeks at the St. Nick. A fairly clever boxer and snappy two-handed puncher. Bygraves had all the better of the early milling. He hit the lumbering Bethea when and where he willed, and had no trouble avoiding the Bronxite's clumsy rushes. But what Bethea may lack in grace and ring finesse he equalizes in toughness, durability and determination. Taking everything Bygraves could toss at him, Wayne continued to plough forward, punching, pushing and mauling, and his tactics began to pay dividends in the fourth. Tiring and discouraged, Bygraves wilted before Bethea's elephantine aggressiveness. In the fifth it became obvious the end wasn't too for away. Bygraves was stumbling around on rubbery legs. Bethea climbed all over his fast-fading rival and toward the close of the round Bygraves sank to his knees for a nine-count. At the bell, he tottered to his corner and after a hasty consultation his handlers notified Referee Mark Conn that Joe could not continue. With the exception of a preliminary four, in which Ramos Soto, 122½, Puerto Rico, stopped Johnny Gallazo, 125, Bronx, at 1:09 of the second, the card was an all-heavyweight affair. In the semi-final sic, Alex Miteff, 201, Argentina's 1955 Pan-American champion, scored his fifth straight pro victory in North American rings by flattening Charley Jones, 197½, Newark, N.J., at 1:34 of the second. Tony Gagliardo, 187½, Brooklyn, decisioned Obadiah Rhodes, 184¾, Harlem, in another six. In fours, John Henry, 184¾, Harlem, beat Marty Matthews, 183¼, Bronx, and Chuck Welton, 191, Newark, won from Leo Pietras, 187, Paterson.

▶ In running his current winning skein to seven, and his overall record of victories, losses and draws to an impressive 28-3-1, Johnny Busso, 139, East Side, needed a strong finish to edge out a split decision over Tommy Salem, 136¼, Cleveland, in an action packed ten at the St. Nick. It was a battle between two willing mixers, and both boys were warned for rough tactics, Salem for holding and hitting and Busso for butting. Salem was the shiftier of the two, but Busso forced the action most of the way and his harder hitting in the last two sessions proved the deciding factor. Despite the fast punching, neither boy seemed in serious trouble at any time. Both suffered slight cuts around their left eyes in the seventh, and the only other noticeable damage to either was when Salem bled from the lips after having his mouthpiece knocked out in the tenth. Archie Whitfield, 166½, Harlem, decisioned Ray Dittrich, 175, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. Art Suffoletta, 138, Bridgeport, Conn., outslugged Charley Douglas, 155½, Harlem, in another six. In fours, Eddie Thompson, 154½, Bronx, won from Willie Davis, 154¾, Harlem, and Johnny Young, 146, Keyport, N. J., stopped Izzy Gonzales, 139, Puerto Rico, with 16 seconds of the fight remaining.



Dick Richardson lost prestige in eyes of British fans when his bout with Ezzard Charles, ex heavyweight world champ, was halted in second round for lack of action. Richardson figured to win over Charles who has been on the downgrade.

▶ With boxing still crowded out of Madison Square Garden, first by the Icecapades, then by the Rodeo, the St. Nicholas Arena continued to monopolize the local sock market for the fifth straight week. In a brawl between two metropolitan welterweight rivals, Joe Miceli, 145½, East Side, outpunched Danny Giovanelli, 150¾, Brooklyn, in a free-swinging ten that was short in science but long in action. Starting out at a furious pace, it looked as though Miceli was headed for a quick win. Joe had Giovanelli reeling from a dozen or more lusty left hooks and uppercuts, and in the second round he dumped the Brooklynite for a mandatory eight-count. Giovanelli survived the rugged going, however, and as Miceli slowed down from his sizzling early pace, Danny came back to make an interesting affair of it the rest of the way. Persistent aggressiveness netted Billy Flamio, 146¾, Bronx, the decision over Al Milone, 151, Coney Island, in a hard-fought semi-final six. Another scheduled six ended at 2:54 of the second, Harry Bell, 136, Long Island City, halting Iggy Maldonado, 134½, Bronx. A third six produced a decision for Juan Pomare, 164¼, West Side, over Leroy Allen, 165¼, Paterson, N. J. Tommy Lorenzo, 139¼, West Side, hustled his way to the verdict over Mike Castro, 139, Brooklyn, in the curtain-raising four.

ARKANSAS AND LOUISIANA

By Bill McIntyre

A QUIET CORPSE—BOXING, BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR, went into a tailspin in North Louisiana and Arkansas during the tail-end of summer. What had promised to be a month of fast and furious action turned into 30 days of inertia. Shreveport, Baton Rouge and Lake Charles Louisiana's biggest towns outside of New Orleans, had no boxing shows whatsoever.

▶ MUSCLES AT MONROE—The month's only mitt show in North Louisiana took place at Monroe. Clarence Cook, 154, the ex-Bastrop papermill employee who now fights out of St. Louis, took another big step up the middleweight ladder with a 10-round points decision over veteran Del Flanagan, 155, of St. Paul, Minn. It came as Cook's 31st win in 33 pro outings.

Flanagan, warned by referee Loy Scarborough several times for heeling and gouging, worked Cook over on the inside, keeping Cook's jab on the defensive. The fight's only solid punch was a right hook from Cook in the second round which sent Flanagan through the ropes head-first where he narrowly missed colliding with a ring post.

When the decision was announced, boos rolled out in a chorus from the 4,400 in attendance, North Louisiana's biggest fight crowd in years. It was unusual for Cook to be booed by hometown partisans.

Buck Woods, 156, Houston, KO'd Dewayne Garris, 156, Monroe, in 2:23 of the 4th; Al Boudreau, 141, New Orleans, decisioned Charlie Saenz, 140, San Antonio, Tex., in 6; Johnny McKoin, 138, Bastrop, starched Jerry Parks, 148, Shreveport, in 2:53 of the 1st; Jim Rankin, 128, Shreveport, stiffened Bobby Witt, 130, West Monroe, in 2:05 of the 1st. It was Rankin's fourth straight pro knockout.

IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By Bill Hawkins

RUSS TAGUE, 131½, DAVENPORT, IA., WON A CLEAN CUT DECISION over Rudy Ortega, 129, Havana, Cuba, in a 10-round bout at Miami Beach, Fla. The Iowa fighter forced the fight from the start using a terrific body attack to score his points.

▶ LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . During a moving project last month, our column missed the mail . . . Our new address is 2600 South Roswell, R. R. 2, Sioux City, Iowa. . . . Our new phone number is now 6-9020 . . . Pinkie George, Iowa's leading sports promoter has the wrestling sport going in Des Moines and other eastern Iowa points . . . Amateur boxing is getting into full swing around South Dakota and Iowa and this writing . . . Sailor Burke, former Sioux City boxer, manager trainer and promoter reports he has moved his address back to Denver, Colo.

▶ Boxers and managers from this area seeking an eastern contact, may get in touch with George Sheppard, Boxing Enterprises, c/o 2428 Healy Ave., Far Rockaway, New York. . . . George is dependable and as always will do his best as your representative. . . . See you next month.

BOXING IN YUCATAN

By Eduardo Amer G.

HUNUCMA, Luis Trujeque, 126 stopped Ray Mancilla, 127, of Mexico City, in 6 rounds.

▶ HUNUCMA, Luis Trujeque, 126, TKO'd Luis Herrera Peña, 129, of Campeche, in the fourth round.

▶ Hermosillo, Son—Arnoldo Hill, scored an unpopular decision over Julio César Jiménez, welterweight of Yucatan, in ten rounds.

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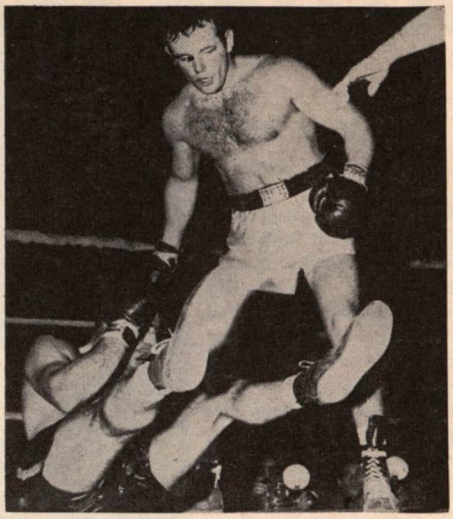

A new European heavyweight champion is crowned, as Ingemar Johansson of Sweden halts Franco Cavicchi of Italy in the 13th round of their bout at Bologna, Italy.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

PETE PETROSKEY, MANAGER OF LIGHTWEIGHT CONTENDER KENNY LANE, renewed his claims for a title match after his Muskegon leftie drubbed highly regarded Ludwig Lightburn in a nationally televised feature from Miami. In his last twenty-seven starts, Lane has won all but two, so why shouldn't Petroskey clamour for the big one! Kenny has beaten such as Glen Flanagan, Ralph Dupas, Hoacine Khalf, Larry Boardman and many others.

Three weeks prior to the Lightburn match, Lane in his first hometown appearance since his sensational climb in the 135 pound division, delighted a turnout of 4,500 fans who paid $6,000 at the Catholic Central Stadium in Muskegon to see Kenny batter Ralph Capone, of Chicago, for a knockout at 2:57 of the fifth round.

Muskegon welterweight Tommy Johnson outpunched Jimmy Adams, of Chicago, in four; Plummer Willys, a Minneapolis lightweight, bested Cletus Thompson, of Chicago, in four; Rudy Ellis, South Haven middleweight, stopped Eddie Ford, of Chicago, in the fourth; and George Jarock, of West Allis, Wis., Halted Tom Ritchie, Chicago lightheavy, in the fourth.

▶A nationally televised Friday night show originated from Detroit's Olympia Stadium, featuring a couple of eastern campaigners in Miguel Berrios, 127, Puerto Rico, and Ike Chestnut, 128¾, New York, who put on an interesting battle in a match that had no local appeal here.

On the undercard, one of the best made up by Louis Marudas at the Stadium in many moons, hard punching Charley Smith, 143¼, Detroit, outslugged John Barnes, 140¼, Detroit, in an interesting six that found both boys mixing it up throughout. James Remson, 161, Detroit, had to step lively to edge out Marty Simmons' Leffie Walker, 160, Saginaw, in a five. The decision favoring the promising Remson was split, although the bout was erronessly announced as a draw by the announcer. Ted Wright, 149, Detroit, won his ninth straight bout when he easily stopped Eddie Troy, 145, Detroit, in the third. Harry Command, 147, Kalamazoo, scored his second straight one round KO when he put away Ronnie O'Berry, 146¾, Pontiac, and Arthur Turner, 152½, Detroit, decisioned Tony Hendricks, 150½, Windsor, in a four.

IN "PACIFIC N.W." RINGS
By R. D. Casey

THE FALL SEASON CAME IN QUIETLY WITH FEW CARDS SCHEDULED. Only Portland makes any attempt at running regular shows. The other promoters only go when the fistic omens point to a certain profit at the box office. This is hard on the many promising prospects up here; regular ring work is needed to develop properly.

▶PORTLAND AUDITORIUM: Eddie Machen, Redding California's classy heavyweight contender, won a clean-cut ten-round decision over Cuba's Julio Mederos. Machen boxed carefully, showing a lot of respect for the Cuban's punching power. This was a rematch and like most rematches, it was a slow fight for the fans. The card did $7,965 at the gate.

The semi stole the spotlight from the main event due to a hilarious incident. Amos Lincoln, Portland's version of Hurricane Jackson, was punishing L.A.'s Charley Que in the sixth round of a one-sided brawl when Que's mouthpiece was belted out of its customary position onto the canvas, whereupon Referee George Robinson picked it up and threw it in the general direction of Charley's corner. Meanwhile Amos pounded Charley around awhile longer till the bell rang and Que, a tired warrior, was glad to get to his corner.

Then began a hunt for Charley's mouthpiece; by bell time it still hadn't been found. At this point his manager refused to let him come out without it and Charley remained rooted to his seat. By now everyone was in the act—cops, boxing commissioners, sports writers, seconds, handlers and fans all conducting a frantic search for Charley's vanished mouthpiece, but it was nowhere to be found.

A hurried conference resulted in a six-round decision being given to Lincoln and Que didn't have to weather out those last two heats. Who did get the mouthpiece? Probably in the jeans of some kind-hearted spectator who decided that Charley had collected enough lumps and bumps for one night's wages.

Tommy Thomas, highly-touted Rose City middleweight prospect, kayoed tough Tommy Berg, Seattle, in five rugged rounds. Bob Peppy, Portland, stretched Mitch LeSeur, Portland, in two. YoYo Lewis and Teddy Hall, Seattle lightweights, started the card off with a four round draw.

▶YAKIMA, WASHINGTON: Ernie Davis, tough Seattle lightweight, tired in the stretch to lose an eight round duke to busy Teddy Hall, Seattle.

▶Casey's Corner. Joey Maxim, 196, far over his regular fight weight, decisioned Argentina's Edguardo Romero in ten at Vancouver, B.C. It was a very slow bout. James J. Parker, the Canadian champion, was to have appeared there against Maxim but he suffered a severe eye cut losing to Archie Moore and had to cancel out. Romero was substituted.

Eddie Cotton, Seattle's lightheavy contender, is in fine shape but can't get any fights. All the "names" dodge this boy.

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CLEVELAND
By Harold Walsh

JOEY GIARDELLO, THE CAPABLE PHILADELPHIA MIDDLEWEIGHT, came back and also brought the boxing game back in Cleveland by knocking out Bobby Boyd of Chicago in a wild five round bout. Giardello knocked Boyd down in the first round for a count of five as the bell rang and was pretty much in command all the way, knocking Boyd out in 2.25 of the fifth round.

In the other bouts Solomon Boysaw defeated Henry Hickman in four rounds. Cal Butler stopped George Kartalian in one round when the latter suffered a badly cut eye.

Larry Wagner beat Dick Cangey in four. Tony Hughes stopped Johnny Cirelli in four. Cecil Shorts won a decision over Waymon Dawson in four. Clarence Alford beat Henry McCullough in four.

ARUBA, N.W.I. RING NEWS
By Jimmy Lambert

YOUNG GAVILAN, 151, BRITISH GUIANA, TRAVELED TO ARUBA Battling Siki, 159, Aruba, and once again Siki showed his class and skill by easily defeating the Guianese policeman in the 10-round main event at the Swingsters Square Garden on September 11.

The 8-round semi-final was a slug-fest from start to finish with practically no holds barred as Buddy Baer, 155, St. Martin, won a close decision over Kid Colorado, 151, Aruba.

Kid Telefonito, 137, Aruba, won on a TKO over Dakota Terror, 133, Aruba, when the Terror could not continue in the 2nd round due to a badly bruised eye.

In a 4-rounder, Kid Zorzal, 152, Aruba, and Kid Ponche, 154, Aruba, fought to a well-applauded draw decision.

In another 4-rounder, Joe Brown, 154, Aruba, drew with Dark Destroyer, 152, Aruba.

In the opening 4-rounder, Kid Godoy, 125, Columbia, had too much experience for young Kid Spider, 125, and easily won the decision.

▶We are looking for some good middleweights and welterweights to meet Sugar Boy Nando and Battling Siki in Aruba, Netherlands West Indies, and possibly another match in Caracas, Venezuela. Please send particulars including ring record and photo to Jimmy Lambert, Esso Post Office Box 212, Aruba, N. W. I.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Ike Morales

As this was written, Gov. Earl K. Long had appointed 11 members of the proposed 15-member boxing commission. The list included James Waldron, Pete Herman, Emile Bruneau, Mike Cusimano, Jake Graffagnini, George Long, Ernie Hessler, Merlin Hudson, Joe Logrande, W. R. Leaumont and Joe Brown—the latter from Thibodaux, La.

Of the 11 named, only four are salaried. Waldron was appointed chairman; Herman, vice-chairman, Bruneau, secretary, and Cusimano, asst. secretary. The others are honorary members.

This is the largest commission body in Louisiana history. When the first ring commission was appointed by Gov. John M. Parker in 1920, there were three named, one of whom, Dick Burke, was later elected President of the National Boxing Assn.

▶Ralph Dupas took the boxing fans by storm when he turned aggressor and scored a fifth round knockout over Al Vargas of Galveston, at the Coliseum arena.

The local lightweight contender threw science and boxing skill out of the window and battered the Texan down with head and body punches.

A right hand smash to the jaw dropped Vargas in his own corner, and while resting on one knee, heard Referee Pete Giaruso toll off the 10 count.

Vargas entered the ring with only one defeat in 30 pro fights, and that to Dupas in 1951. Al thought he could erase that blot, and at the same time move into national prominence with an upset over the Crescent City lightweight.

Dupas, who entered the ring weighing 139¾ pounds to Vargas' 140½, was a 1 to 4 favorite at the ringside. And after two rounds, the "wise" boys increased it to 1 to 5.

Herbie Rodrigues, one of the brightest young prospects here, chalked up his 13th consecutive victory with a fourth round knockout over Nolan Duplessis. The winner weighed 147¾ pounds, Duplessis, 140½. Eleven of Rodrigues' victories were won by knockouts.

In another sixer, Kenny Decareaux, 133¾, decisioned Frankie Savoie, 133¾. It was an interesting fight from the opening gong, with Decareaux's last round rally giving him an edge.

Roger Ettienne, 139, defeated Joe Burton, 140½, and Marion Turnage, 147, of Mobile, bested Vince Bonomo, 150, in the four rounders.

▶Charley Joseph, local middleweight contender, suffered his first defeat in a New Orleans ring when he was outpointed by Willie Vaughn of Los Angeles in 10 interesting rounds. The fight, a Heard Ragas promotion, was staged in the Coliseum Arena.

Joseph suffered a bruised left hand, his best weapon, but offered no alibi for the loss. The fight was interesting from the opening bell, and the decision, a split one, was greeted with mingled jeers and cheers.

Vaughn used a relentless two-fisted body bombardment to score over Collis Phillips' middleweight. Joseph, a fine boxer, no doubt, made the mistake of fighting the Californian at his own game—a style which proved right down Vaughn's alley.

Judge Frederick Adams voted Vaughn the winner, 5-3-2; Judge Eddie Brown gave each fighter four rounds and called two even, but scored it for Joseph "on cleaner hitting and more effective punching." Referee Roland Brown tabbed it for Vaughn, 5-4-1.

An unusual occurrence developed while Joseph and Vaughn were mixing it up in the third round when the lighting system went out of order. Fighting was resumed 10 minutes later when the correction was made.

A crowd of 2,760 fans paid a net house of $4,066.59 net to see the fight program.

Jesse Gray outpointed Johnny Johnston of Baton Rouge in the six-round semi-final held after the main event. Tommy Hayes upset Joe Lewis, while Joe Cook stopped Sammy Davis in the third round. Joe Guy making his pro debut, surprised Earl Grey with a first round kayo. It was scheduled for four rounds.

▶After brushing by Al Vargas, Ralph Dupas came back two weeks later to score an eighth round TKO over Hocine Khalfi. The scheduled 10 rounder was staged in the Coliseum.

It was Dupas' most sparkling exhibition in a long time, and the kayo was the first suffered by the Algerian, as an amateur or pro. From his performance, Whitey Esneault's lightweight title contender put himself back in the good graces of the boxing fans.

Not only did Ralph outbox and outgeneral the durable Khalfi, but outpunched the foreigner as well. It was the sacond straight kayo for Dupas, whose main stock in trade in the past has been his boxing skill.

Khalfi admitted after the fight that it was the first time he had ever been stopped, although he was still erect when the referee halted the uneven fight in 2:21 of the eighth round. Khalfi's right eye was tight as a drum, and later admitted that he thought the official did the proper thing in stopping it.

Dupas entered the ring a 1 to 4 favorite. He weighed 139 pounds to Khalfi's 138¾.

Johnny Capitano, making his return to the ring after a long absence, stopped Malcom Byson in the first round. It was scheduled for four. Danny Wilson, former stablemate of Gene Fullmer, kayoed Frankie Savoie in two rounds.

In other prelims, Vincent Bonomo got sweet revenge on Marvin Turnage of Mobile, stopping the visitor in the third round with a right to the jaw that dropped the visitor flat on his back, while Jimmy Duval decisioned Roland Manuel in an interesting slugfest.

▶Charley Joseph, local middleweight title contender, believes in keeping busy. Two weeks after dropping a split decision to Willie Vaughn, he came back to brush by Al Hauser of Philadelphia for the second time—only this time in a more convincing manner.

The 10 rounder was staged, in the Coliseum. It lacked the thrills and exploding punching of their first meeting, which found Joseph a TKO winner in the tenth round.

Against Hauser, Joseph had a comfortable margin at the finish. For a while it appeared as though the Philly middleweight would be stopped, as Joseph dropped Hauser with a righthand punch to the jaw in the sixth for an eight count. Hauser managed to last out the round and was seldom in danger of hitting the deck again.

The decision of the three officials was unanimous in Joseph's favor. Referee Frederick Adams gave it 8-1-1; Judge Eddie Brown voted 7-2-1, and Judge Charles Dabney saw it 6-2-2. My tab had Joseph in front, 8 to 2.

Joseph, who weighed 159½ pounds to Hauser's 155½.

Tommy Hayes stopped Dave Cheatum in the fifth round of a scheduled sixer. . . . Jesse Gray dropped Johnny Howard three times in the sixth before the referee halted the fight and gave Gray a TKO victory. . . . Joe Cook chalked up his third straight in his impressive four-round victory over Dave Dupas, while Earl Gray stopped Johnny Powell in three rounds of the opening prelim.

WASINGTON D. C. CAPERS
By Mike Geary

A ONE-POINT ADVANTAGE ON THE SCORE CARD OF REFEREE MARTY GALLAGHER gave an unpopular split decision to Ralph "Tiger" Jones, over Canadian Wilf Greaves in a nationally televised ten-rounder at Capitol Arena. On a card promoted by Goldie Ahearn, No. 3 ranking middleweight Jones, seemed unable to get started against the rangy youngster from Winnipeg, who is twenty years old and boasts a record of 10 wins, 1 draw and his current loss totaling 3 set-backs. Each contestant slipped to the floor once during the ten rounds and early in the third, Jones had his opponent set-up to polish off, but Greaves beat a retreat in time to avoid bad trouble. Jones registered his 41st win at 160½ pounds. Greaves weighed 162. Officials scored the bout as follows: Judge Charles Buck 97-92 Jones, Judge Julian Whitestone 97-90 Greaves and Referee Marty Gallagher 94-93 Jones.

Jake Mintz, manager of Wilf Greaves, was ordered to appear before the District of Columbia Boxing Commission to explain why he grabbed the judges' ballots from the hands of announcer Jimmy Lake before the results were announced over the loudspeaker.

In a better than average group of preliminaries, Alex Metiff, 195, Washington, tko'ed Randy Brevard, 192, Washington, at the start of the fifth in a scheduled six-rounder. Henry Hickman, 142, Pittsburgh, flattened Davey Zimmerman, 143, Washington, in 2:40 of the fourth. Monk Reynolds, 162, Alexandria, Va., decisioned Steve Traitz, 165, Washington, in four rounds. Sonny Boy Williams, 143, Washington, tko'ed Sweet Cake Brownie Lee, 145, Washington, in 2:48 of the fourth round.

▶Jocko Miller, D. C., Boxing Commissioner, has been elected Vice President of the District Amateur Athletic Union.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

CHICAGO'S BOBBY BOYD, RANKED HIGH IN THE MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION by THE RING got kayoed in the fifth round by Joey Giardello. The bout, a televised affair, showed Boyd ring rusty and far off his usual form as he missed his mark by a foot each time he threw punches.

Eddie Simms, local middleweight, scored his best win to date by knocking out Bill Tate in the second round of a scheduled six spot. Tate was down three times in the 2nd heat before the bout was stopped. Jerry

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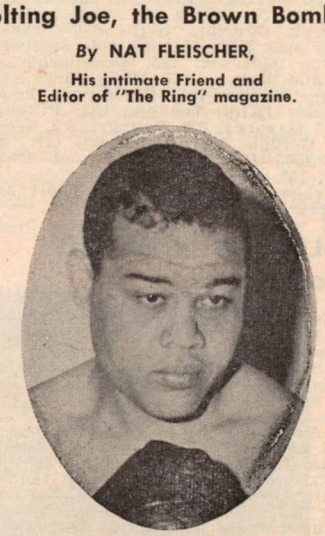

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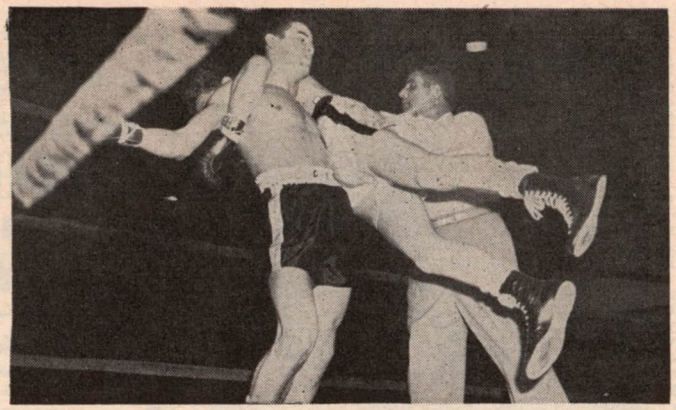

Jerry Luedee, New Haven, Conn. middleweight is lifted high in the air during the first round of his bout at St. Nick's in New York with British Empire 160 pound champion Pat McAteer. Referee Barney Felix is helping to undo the tie-up. McAteer making his American debut came off the floor in the second to win a unanimous decision after ten fast rounds.

PITTSBURGH PUNCHES
By Mickey Davies

FORBES FIELD — WHILE HURRICANE FLOSSY WAS RAISING CAIN ON THE 'ORLEANS COAST, still another "Hurricane"—Jackson by name, was causing quite a fuss on the local scene. Yep, Tommy the Hurricane did cause quite a stir on the local sock scene, by gaining a split decision over Bob Baker, of Pittsburgh. As we saw it, Big Bob won seven out of the 12 rounds. In a ringside survey of writers, 10 of 13 present, including the wire service scribes, were of the opinion that Baker had won decisively.

It's true that Jackson did considerable hustling, and "aping", but it was Baker who landed the more solid punches, and did most of the leading. He set up Jackson for the kill on several different occasions during the conflict, but failed to capitalize.

The weights were, Baker 213½, Jackson 195.

Here is the remainder of the under-card, and a good 'un it was too, arranged by Promoter Ben Anolik, and the Dapper Dan' Club:

Garvan Sawyer, 186, Cincinnati, Tom Tannas' good looking heavy, beat capable Howie Turner, 206, New York (4). Emil Brtko, 202, Pittsburgh, returned to the fistic wars, by winning over John Harper, 205, Steubenville (6). Don Alderson, 145, Pittsburgh, decisioned Joe Bertone, 147, McKeesport, (4).

Johnny Morris, 159, Pittsburgh, knocked out Carlos (Kid) Vennom, 163, Pittsburgh (1). Art Mayorga, 220, Youngstown, defeated Buster Gordon, 185, Johnstown (4). Arley Seifer, 156, Pittsburgh, defeated Charley Walker, 159, Pittsburgh (4).

The show drew a crowd of 12,641 and a gross gate of $70,579.91.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

HOLYOKE — VALLEY ARENA — SAMMY WALKER, 157, SPRINGFIELD, avenged a previous defeat at the hands of Andre Tessier, 163½, his fellow townsman, by taking a ten round decision in a pleasing fight. Walker fought a well planned fight

Augie Turiano, 184, Brooklyn, protege of Rocky Marciano, needed only two rounds to dispose of Joe (Boy) Wood, 185, Westover Field, in the six round semi-final. Don Webber, 158, Tilton, N. H., took two rounds to eliminate Steve Sabatino, 158, Boston, in another sixer. Red Robitaille, 197, Springfield, suffered his first defeat when he was stopped with a broken nose in the second round by Tommy Black, 196, Bridgeport, Conn. Barry White, 158, Boston, knocked out Young Cerdan, 155, Pittsfield, in the third of the opener.

▶ Boston Garden—Larry Boardman, 137, Marlboro, Conn., added the scalp of former world's lightweight champion Jimmy Carter, 139, New York, to his trophy collection, by stopping Carter with comparative ease in eight rounds. Larry specializes in whipping champions, past or present. He walked in and blasted away to cop every one of the rounds. Carter fought a very lethargic type of battle. In the eighth round Carter was spilled to the canvas three times. He arose quickly each time to take the eight count on his feet. He was then battered into a weakened condition so that Referee Jimmy McCarron called a halt.

Eddie Thompson, 153½, New York, again raised havoc with a New England battler when he stopped Buddy Cochran, 153½, Somerville, in five rounds. Tommy Tibbs, 131¾, Roxbury, outhustled Benny Artist, 135¾, New York, in a fast eight rounder. Pat Supple, 119, Montreal, Can., decisioned Cliff Brown, 18, Roxbury, in a six spot.

▶ Fort Fairfield, Me.—Drew Cook, 156½, Belfast, stopped Babe McCarron, 156, Brownville Junction, in the eighth round of a slated ten round main event. Ronnie Philbrick, 148, Belfast, scored a tko over Tommy Smith, 150, Loring AFB, in the first round of the six round semi-final. Bobby Cunningham, 168, Loring, scored a unanimous decision over Frankie DeAngeles, 170, Loring, in four rounds. Joe Buranco, 147, Loring, stopped Clarence Lewis, 148, Loring, in the second round.

▶ Worcester Auditorium—Don Williams, 156, Worcester, jabbed and punched out a lopsided ten round decision over Maurice (Choo Choo) Jenkins, 156, Newark. Williams boxed well.

Eddie Armstrong, 145, Newark, battered Dave Grant, 150, Boston, for six rounds to win an easy duke. Guy LoConte, 145½, Malden, belted out Joe Walker, 150, Roxbury, just before the bell ended the third round to gain a four round tko. Bobby Soares, 130, Providence, stopped the pro debut of George Wells, 128½, Worcester, in three heats of a four. Jimmy McGinnis, 136½, Newark, halted Dick Swenson, 140½, Worcester, also in three rounds.

▶ Holyoke Valley Arena—Bobby Courchesne, 134¾, Holyoke, successfully defended his New England lightweight championship by turning back his erstwhile challenger. Steve Ward, 134, Hartford, in a blistering 12 round bout. Although, Courchesne won most of the round the actual battle was much closer. Most of the rounds were won by hairline margins. There was only one knockdown. Ward was dropped with the first punch of the eighth round but arose to have the local boy rubber-legged before the round was over. The battle was one of the best seen here.

NEBRASKA BOXING
By Floyd Hayes

OMAHA. Professional boxing was revived in Omaha last month. In the main event two ex-Golden Glove heavyweights were paired. Wayne Womochil, 181, Omaha, versus Russell Grothe, 1946, Omaha. Wayne won. He is the winner of 7 bouts since turning professional, without a loss, although the bout was a main event it was a six round affair.

In the six round semi-windup Ralph Alvarez, 145, St. Paul, Minnesota, was awarded a draw with Rob Rossie, 154, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Alvarez spotted Rossie 9 pounds.

In the special event Terry Rindal, 166, St. Paul, Minnesota, decisioned Billy Tyree, 164, Omaha in 6 rounds.

In the preliminaries, Reggie Hughes, 142, Omaha, in his pro debut, knocked out Paul McGrath, 150, Omaha at 1:30 of the third round. Don Weller, 147, St. Paul, Minn; was content to make it an easy workout and much to his amazement ended up with a draw with Fred Porter, 147, Omaha in 4 rounds. Coranzor Fitzgerald, 195, Omaha, returning to the professional ring warfare after several years absence. Fitzgerald kayoed Don Quinn, 204, St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1:59 of the first round.

▶ Omaha—

Before a crowd of 1,733 fight fans Wayne Womochil, 186, Omaha, and Russell Grothe, 190, Omaha, renewed their feud with a rematch. Womochil, a much improved fighter over their last meeting, scored a knockout in 2:12 of the third round. Womochil decked Grothe three times prior to the knockout.

In the semi-windup Coranzor Fitzgerald, 196, Omaha, used an uppercut to the jaw of Joe Taylor, 200, Chicago, Illinois, to end the six rounder in 2:00 of the fifth round. Taylor was down from a stiff left for a 9 count in the fifth and then decided to take no more punishment when he was decked the second time.

Terry Rindal, 163, St. Paul, Minnesota drew with Rudy Ellis, 160, South Haven, Michigan, in 6 rounds. Ellis carried the fight to Rindal.

Kid Chocolate, 142, Chicago, scored a technical knockout over Don Weller, 146, St. Paul, Minnesota when he opened a cut under the left eye of Weller and the fight had to be stopped in 50 seconds of the third round.

Donald Johnson, 150, Omaha, making his pro debut, knocked out Paul McGrath, 154, Omaha in 14 seconds of the 4th round. Johnson was on the deck in the third round but had McGrath at his mercy and was pummeling him to the head when the referee stepped in and awarded him the TKO victory.

Ted Pelzer, 165, Minneapolis, Minnesota scored a technical knockout over Bob Sheppard, 163, Omaha in the second round of a scheduled 4 rounder. Sheppard suffered a broken nose.

▶ SHORT JABS: Several of the old timers have returned to the fight scene in Omaha as boxing is being revived. Carl Vinciquerra, former heavyweight, is now handling Russell Grothe and the famous Tommy Grogan of yesteryear joined the training camp of Wayne Womochil.

LOUISVILLE BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

Four Louisvillians won Olympic Boxing berths on the Mid-West Olympic Trials which took place at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum. They were Bantamweight Gilbert Moore, Lightweight Billy Williams, Welterweight Willie Moran and Light-heavyweight Donnie Hall. These battlers won four of the 10 championships and for their efforts they'll represent Louisville in the Olympic Finals in San Francisco, where they will attempt to punch their ways to berths on the U. S. Olympic team. Willie Moran now ranked as Louisville's No. 1 amateur prospect, once more displayed his sledgehammer attack. He decked Harry Hood of Fort Knox in the first round, decked him in the second and then disposed of him in the same round in 2:15. Moran now has won 30 of 35 fights, 25 by knockouts.

The Mid-West Olympic Winners are:

Flyweight—Sherridale Morgan, Fort Knox, Ky.

Bantamweight—Gilbert Moore, Louisville.

Featherweight—John Joiner, Cincinnati.

Lightweight—Billy Willeams, Louisville.

Light-Welterweight—Otis Avery, Dayton, Ohio.

Welterweight—Willie Moran, Louisville.

Light-Middleweight—Ernest Hill, Detroit.

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five minutes in the dressing room before the fight talking to Charles. Did he suddenly think that Charles was a foreign fighter who did not understand English — or Scottish? The only time it is necessary for a referee to speak to the boxer's corner is when an interpreter is needed. The boxer and NOT the manager is responsible for observing the rules inside the ropes.

It seemed to many onlookers that Wilson had acted a little hastily. Certainly, there was some surprise in the second round when Charles was again cautioned and eventually disqualified. Richardson was not altogether blameless in this round. The fiery young Welshman, through sheer lack of experience, was charging in, and doing a certain amount of laying on. Once his head came into collison with the ageing Charles' face.

The crowd seemed astonished when after 2 minutes 29 seconds of the second round the referee decided he had had enough and disqualified the American. The fans had not seen six solid blows landed for their outlay of some £ 16,000.

WAS HE HASTY?

Was the referee right in his action or was he too hasty? Some youngsters say he did the right thing, but the old-timers think he was hasty. In my sixty years in boxing I have seldom seen a fighter disqualified for HOLDING after less than two rounds. Years ago some of the best champions we ever had did their fair share of holding.

It was up to the referee to break the men up and make a good fight of it. Today the British Boxing Board of Control rules require the official to use the minimum of physical force. A pity, I think, because referees should be allowed to earn their money. They, as well as the fighters, owe it to the public to see that value for money is assured.

It is an infringement of the rules to hold, but, personally, I would have held my horses longer than Wilson. Having thrown out three warnings before the fight was warmed up he had no other choice than to act as he did. I would have allowed Charles three rounds in which to convince me he either wanted to make a fight of it or not. I WOULD also have issued at least one warning to Richardson.

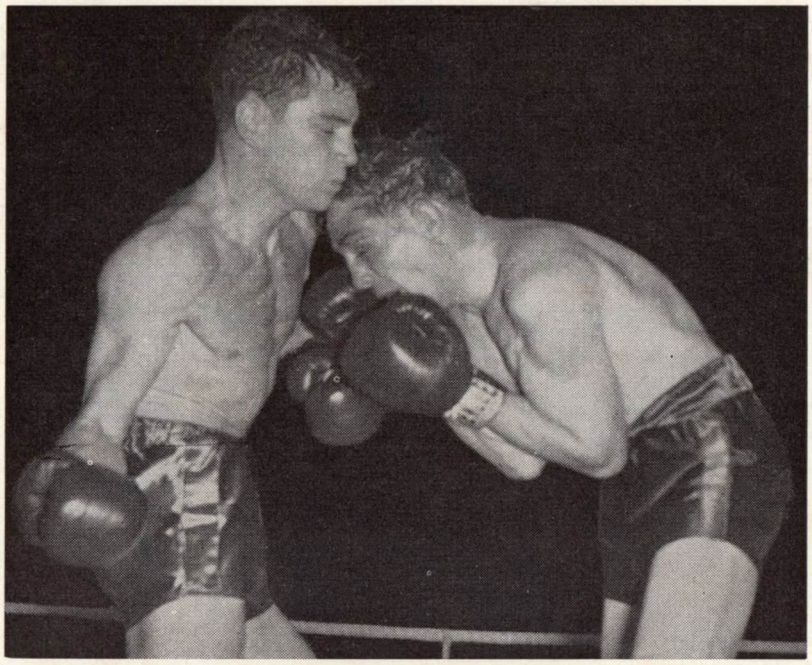
POOR VALUE

I am sure the 10,500 Harringay fans would have welcomed such action if the fight had not improved after this period. As it was, most of them were bewildered and angry with the poor value they had been given for the hig-priced seats. Remember Archie Moore only produced fireworks in the tenth round against Yolande Pompey. Yet early on he had been cautioned by the referee for not making a proper fight of it. Moore could have been disqualified at any time during the first six rounds had the referee acted hastily, and that would have meant yet another flop for Harringay and Solomons.

The Richardson—Charles fiasco set British boxing back again. We had hoped for a boom. The only rainbow at all came with Bobby Neill's convincing win over Ray Famechon, the former European and French featherweight. It wasn't so much that Famechon retired after five rounds with slightly cut eyes that cheered boxing fans. It was the way young Neill completed his jobs that had many judges declaring the Scot to be the best prospect we have had in a long time.

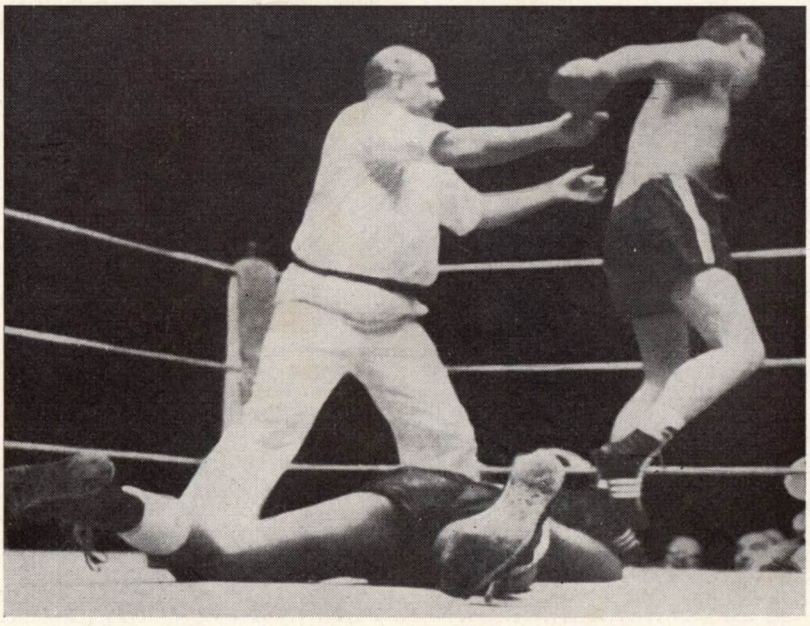
Neill certainly does his job cleanly. He is a boxer and fighter combined. His punches are crisp, and he showed himself to be an accomplished performer in the fifth round when he shortened his punches and ripped them into Famechon's body. The clever Frenchman was in this round made to understand he had no chance of victory, and he wisely decided to retire. I haven't seen Famechon handled so completely before. True, he is only a shadow of the superb fighting machine who came here to trounce Ronnie Clayton a number of times, but, nevertheless, he still has class, but was outclassed by Neill.

How much longer can Randolph Turpin make headlines? Surely, his defeat by the German Stretz in Hamburg has removed him from the list of European championship challengers? After leading on points Turpin ran into trouble late in the fight and was floored in the last round.



NEILL PERFORMS LIKE CHAMP

Bobby Neill, young Scottish featherweight, gave one of his best exhibitions when stopping Ray Famechon (right). The former holder of the European title could not match the Scot's all-round ability.



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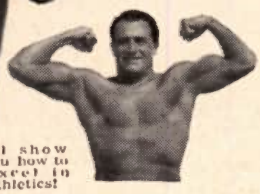

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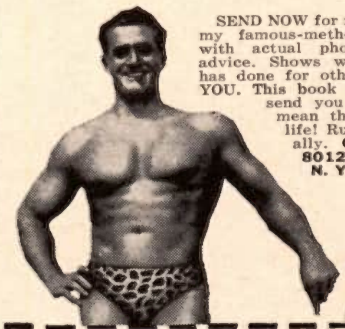

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